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## TO-DAY'S HEARING OF THE ECKFORD TRIAL

(Our Own Correspondent)

Shanghai, To-day.

Nearly all of the 25 witnesses for the prosecution had been questioned by noon to-day when the hearing of the murder charge against Private David Eckford, of the Seaforth Highlanders, was resumed.

Most of the witnesses were soldiers and N.C.O.'s, and medical evidence was heard this morning.

The military witnesses mainly substantiated what occurred in the shooting of L/Cpl. Davis.

All confirmed that Eckford was very calm throughout and after the shooting.

This morning medical evidence was given by Dr. I. G. Anderson, who performed the post mortem on December 23 at the International Funeral Directors.

Witness stated the shot entered the upper lip and left at the back of the head after passing through the brain. The shot was fired at an angle parallel to the ground.

### DEATH INSTANTANEOUS

Capt. E. A. Smyth, of the R.A.M.C., stated he examined the corpse of Davis at 10.14 p.m. on November 4. The body was not cold but death was instantaneous.

The hearing was adjourned till this afternoon, when it is expected the prosecution and defence will both finish, after which the jury will deliberate.

Judgment will be given to-day or to-morrow.

Throughout the hearing a large number of spectators were present in court, and the case has aroused considerable interest. The local newspapers devoted many columns to the trial this morning. — Our Own Correspondent.

## PREMIER AND HORE - BELISHA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN'S Mansion House speech is considered by political circles to be one of the most remarkable since the beginning of the war.

Political circles emphasise the indirect allusion to the Hore-Belisha affair, when the Premier said: "I am master in my own house and it is my business to decide how the Cabinet should be formed."

In addition to stating that Britain's help for Finland will not be a simple gesture, Mr. Chamberlain said the Allies were firmly determined to help Scandinavia.

Much importance is attached to Mr. Chamberlain's reference to the responsibilities of the German people, as opposed to the responsibilities of the German leaders.

This remark corresponds to the general feeling that the war against Hitler and his henchmen was too limited a conception, since the same peril has appeared in history although in different manner.

Mr. Chamberlain clearly expressed determination not to accept any political combination which would only persuade the Allies to stop the war and would serve to prepare a new attack against countries off their guard. — Havas.

### ANOTHER COMMENT ON BELISHA AFFAIR

London, To-day.

The British Army has regained control of the forces in France, comment certain quarters in connection with Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation.

The British, it is also learned, have decided to send heavy reinforcements to France to free older French soldiers for industrial jobs. — Reuter.

"WE WANT HORE-BELISHA"  
"We must have Hore-Belisha. The public should demand his reinstatement," says an advertisement appearing in sections of the British Press. — Reuter.

### HELSINKI HOTEL BLAZE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

A Stockholm report states that a large hotel in Helsinki went up in flames during the night. The fire may have been caused by Soviet agents to provide a beacon for air-raiding planes. — Havas.

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## FRENCH CHAMBER INCIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A slight incident took place in the Chamber of Deputies as Parliament reconvened yesterday.

Seven former Communist deputies attended, and when the Speaker eulogised the French Army all the deputies applauded except the four Communists, who were ejected by their indignant colleagues.

The sitting was suspended for a

## NAZIS TO BEGIN NEW TRADE DRIVE

Washington, To-day.

Germany, with fast diminishing foreign credits, has launched a new trade drive, regardless of the risks involved, according to information received by the Department of Commerce.

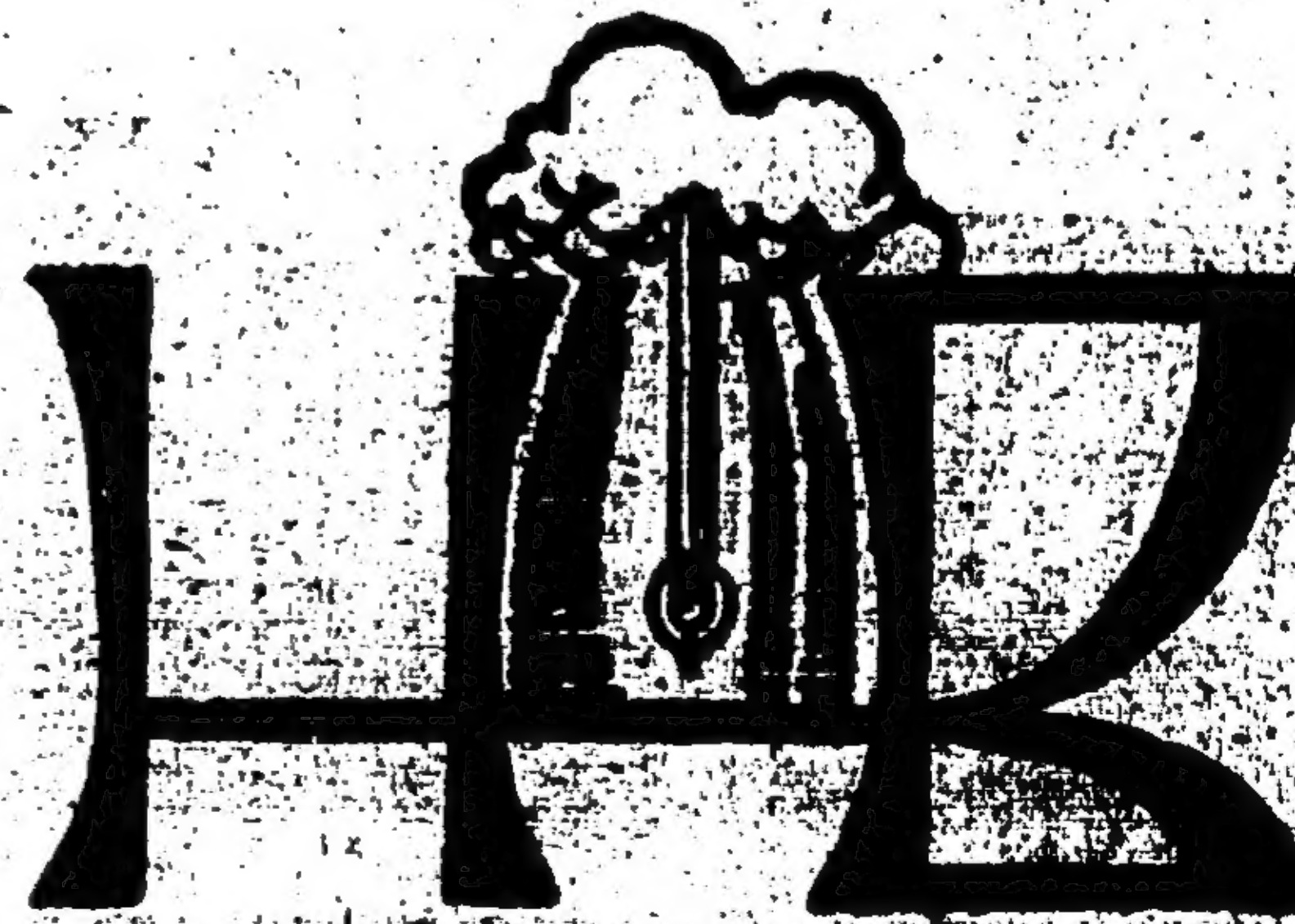
German producers are notifying markets that they are accepting orders again and say that "deliveries will be made." In this connection, significance is attached to recent attempts by German ships to return home. Many of them carried raw materials and they were willing to run the risk involved in an attempt to reach Germany with badly needed supplies.

Furthermore, it is believed that the return of the ships was ordered so as to provide Germany with bottoms to open the new trade drive.

American official circles, however, are sceptical about Germany's chances of success. The German naval command, however, is believed to have assured Hitler that the Allied blockade will not prevent the resumption of German world trade. — Reuter.

short time and the provisional steering committee decided to expel the four Communists, who left the Palais Bourbon without resistance. — Havas.

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# FINAL STAGES OF MORTGAGE DISPUTE ACTION HEARING

THE CONCLUDING STAGES of the mortgage dispute case were reached this morning when Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., wound up the case for the plaintiffs before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Plaintiffs are Chan Fui-hing, Chan Sik-tin and Chan Kwok-nim, and, as co-owners, they declare that the property was mortgaged without their knowledge, by Chan Chung-wah, brother of the third plaintiff, for \$60,000. They ask the Court for a declaration that the signatures on the mortgages are forgeries.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. C. d'Almada, appeared for plaintiffs. The defendant, Fung Kai-sun is represented by Mr. Sheldon and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson.

Mr. Potter referred to the devastating effect of the evidence of Lo Kwok-min and said there was a vast body of evidence all going to prove that the third plaintiff was Chan Kwok-nim and not Chan Chung-wah and that third plaintiff was the purchaser of one-third of the disputed property.

Mr. Potter then argued on the point of estoppel and said there could be no misrepresentation where there was no duty. It had been suggested that the moment a person appreciated that anyone was relying on his forged signature, it was his duty to inform the mortgagee. The position here was different, with a bank and a client, as there existed contractual duties on both sides.

Continuing, Mr. Potter said that silence must amount to misrepresentation intended to induce a certain course of conduct in the mortgage in this case, it was not the duty of plain-

tiffs to say what should have been done. There was no evidence that there was any intention to induce defendant to do or refrain from doing anything.

## NO RIGHTS LOST

Defendant, he said, had lost none of his rights of action against Chan Chung Wah and if there had been any alteration in defendant's position, the alteration must be the direct result of an alleged breach of duty.

In this case, the defendant and rightful owners were unaware of one another and only when the property was put up for sale did the owners become aware of the position.

Mr. Potter then quoted authority and said that to a legal owner of property, nothing short of conduct tantamount to fraud could deprive him of it.

The case is proceeding.

## LOANS TO CHINESE PEASANTS

Chungking, To-day. The Agricultural Credit Administration of the Chinese Government has decided to offer \$22,000,000 in loans to needy peasants, it is officially revealed here.

The number of rural co-operative banks in "Free China" is expected to be increased to 300 by the end of the year.—Reuter.

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# Red Army's New Weapon In Finland

## 100 M.P.H. SNOW SLEDGES THROWN INTO ATTACK: HEAVY FIGHTING IN PROGRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

THE RED ARMY ARE now using speedy, armed and strongly-engined snow sledges in the Finnish campaign, the "Nya Dagligt Allehanda" reports.

The newspaper declares that hundreds of these sledges, which develop a speed of 100 miles an hour, are being thrown into the attack with the hope of producing a surprise effect.

The sledges are driven by air propellers and armed with machine-guns. The first massive attack took place near Lake Ladoga but was stopped by Finnish machine-guns, and a number of the sledges were captured. — Havas.

### HEAVY BATTLES IN PROGRESS

Helsinki, To-day.

Heavy battles are now raging in the Salla and Suomus-

salmi sectors of the eastern fronts, where the Red Army has launched violent offensives, in an effort to wipe out recent severe defeats.

Several divisions are reported to have been thrown into the action on the Salla front, and the Finns are giving ground slowly.

An unconfirmed report states that Salla has been taken by the Russians.

Except for patrol activity, all other fronts are quiet. — Reuter.

### MOLLERS IN BIG PROPERTY DEAL

Shanghai, To-day.  
Completing one of the biggest real estate deals in recent years, Mollers Ltd. have purchased the block of property at the corner of Avenue Edward VII and the French Bund from the International Savings Society for £75,000, according to the local press. — Reuter.

### WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone over China maintains its intensity, pressure being highest over Shantung.

The depression is situated in the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido.

## ADMIRALTY NOT TO BE DRAWN

London, To-day.

The reasons for the Admiralty's reticence about certain items of news was disclosed yesterday.

The German radio broadcasts claims of sinkings in the hope of provoking a reply which might give them information of value, writes Reuter's naval correspondent.

For instance, a few days ago the German announcer asked "Where is H.M.S. Exeter?" and implied that the cruiser, one of the three which fought the Admiral Graf Spee, had herself been sunk.

This claim was undoubtedly made as a "feeler" for the Germans do not know whether Exeter is refitting in the Falkland Islands or in Britain.

The Admiralty do not propose to be irritated into making the reply the Germans are seeking, and that is the reason the public has not been told anything of the whereabouts of Exeter.

The Admiralty is not reluctant to give news which it is desirable should be published, but they will not respond to the ingenuity of Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels.

Listeners to German broadcasts must therefore not necessarily believe any item they hear merely because no official denial is forthcoming. — Reuter.

## FIRE IN ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE

ONLY RECENTLY RE-DECORATED, THE ENGINEERS AND SHIP-BUILDERS INSTITUTE IN KING'S BUILDING NEAR THE STAR FERRY, WAS THE SCENE OF A FIRE EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING.

Shortly before 4 a.m. yesterday, smoke was seen coming from the rooms of the Institute. On entering, the place the watchman found the Ladies' Room on fire. The Brigade was quickly summoned and the outbreak was extinguished within half an hour.

Most of the furniture in the Ladies' Room was destroyed by the fire and part of the floor was burnt. Other rooms in the Institute suffered slight damage from smoke and water.

## CURE FOR PESSIMISM

London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, who has been visiting the western front, returned to England yesterday.

Mr. Churchill in a statement about the Maginot Line, said anyone at home would benefit very much by spending a few days with the French and British armies.

They would find it at once a tonic and sedative.

"I take back with me the same sense of organisation, discipline, zeal and steady confidence that I felt when I visited the Fleet in the great naval ports." — Reuter.

## SECRET SESSION IN FRANCE?

Paris, To-day.

French officials are expected to hold a secret session of the French Parliament during the absence of the Prime Minister.

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TO-DAY AT THE ALHAMBRA



# Seaforths Murder Trial: Evidence Of Eye-Witness

## QUESTION ABOUT THE TRIGGER

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Shanghai, To-day.

**DRAMATIC EVIDENCE** was given in the British Supreme Court yesterday when Private David Eckford, of the Seaforth Highlanders, appeared on a charge of murdering Lance/Corpl. James Davis, of the same Regiment, while on duty on the Settlement border on November 4.

The first morning's proceedings were taken up with evidence by members of the British garrison, the Police and the Municipal Council.

**Mr. John McNeill, Crown Advocate, opened the case after accused had pleaded Not Guilty. Mr. K. E. Newman appeared for the defence.**

Captain John Richard Cole, of the Loyal Regiment, was the first witness.

He stated that on November 4, the day of the murder, he was acting Staff Captain.

He identified a letter addressed to him from Major-General Grasett, G.O.C. British troops in China, by which accused was handed over to the civil jurisdiction.

Next witness was Mr. T. W. R. Wilson, of the Public Works Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who produced plans of the vicinity of Blockhouse "E", at the corner of Kai-feng and North Tibet Roads, where the alleged murder occurred.

Detective-Sergeant Day, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, identified photographs taken by the scene of the murder by him.

**"O.K. DAGGER"**

Dramatic testimony was then provided by Private Stirling, of the Seaforths, who was on sentry duty at the time of the alleged murder.

"I saw accused conversing with deceased when I went on duty at 8 p.m.

"I heard deceased tell accused 'Go and get it,' and accused replied 'OK.' Dagger."

"Eckford at the time was not carrying his equipment.

"I had heard the name 'Dagger' previously but I don't know the meaning. I presume it was a nickname.

"Davis moved north of the sentry post in the vicinity of the blockhouse.

"I next saw Eckford coming down the steep stairs from the blockhouse.

"About five minutes later accused had a rifle leveled against Davis.

"Accused said 'I'm going to shoot you,' and then a shot rang out. Davis fell backwards.

"Eckford handed the rifle to me. The two men were about four and a half yards apart.

"After handing the rifle to me Eckford said 'I'm ready for the sergeant now.'

"I placed the rifle Eckford had handed to me against the sentry box.

**NO-ONE CAME**

"No-one came when I called out for

### SABOTAGE PLOT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

G-men have discovered a sensational plot aiming at blowing up a gigantic dam whose turbines furnish electric power to Los Angeles and its district.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has traced the plot to an international organisation. — Havas.

the guard, presumably because all were sleeping.

"I called Private Northrop by name, whereupon the latter appeared on top of the stairs. Eckford proceeded upstairs in the blockhouse.

"Later the duty truck arrived, and Eckford told the sergeant 'He's dead. I shot him.'

"Eckford left in the truck, and subsequently I was questioned by the police."

### THE TRIGGER

Mr. Newman, cross-examining witness, received an affirmative answer when suggesting to witness that the position of the two men did not enable witness to see the trigger pulled, because accused's left arm was covering that part of the rifle.

The hearing was adjourned at 2 o'clock.

The case is being heard before Judge Sir Allan Mossop and a jury of 12.—Our Own Correspondent.

### BALKAN ENTENTE POWERS TO MEET

Belgrade, To-day.

The Balkan Entente — Rumania, Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia—are to hold another of its regular meetings next month. The meeting will be held in Belgrade on February 2, 3 and 4.—Reuter.

### GESTAPO WARRING ON CATHOLICS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO THE VATICAN RADIO THE GESTAPO (NAZI SECRET POLICE) HAVE DISSOLVED AND PROHIBITED TWO ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS, AND THE FUNDS OF ONE OF THESE ORGANISATIONS AT DUSSELDORF HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED.

The Vatican radio furthermore reports that by a decree of the Soviet Government the Russian atheist organisation has received special privileges, such as the holding of meetings without notifying the police and permission to carry arms, while functionaries will be considered Government officials. — Reuter.

Mr. Lewis, residing at Armend Building, has reported the theft of a watch valued at \$75 from his bedroom yesterday morning.

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I said good-bye to Beadle Valley in the dawn of a clear June day. I saw it through a dream; remote and unreal to me as I went down the hill to the lane that led me to the old Winchester road.

The tarred surface of the road had long since worn away; over the hills it ran, straight as an arrow—overgrown with young nettles and wild tufts of grass; empty and derelict, just as it was in the dark ages after the Romans left it sixteen centuries ago. I would like to dwell upon that lonely, leisured journey, had I the strength and time. I think of it as a little oasis or repose and happiness in the arid months that lay around it. In a canvas sack I carried food. Enough, I reckoned, for ten full days.

As I trudged between those wild and lovely fields of cornflowers I dreamed sometimes that tragedy had never come—that I was back in the far-off days when, as a young schoolmaster, I found happiness upon the open road in days of holiday.

I felt quite sorry when I reached the outskirts of London and realised that my happy, carefree journey was drawing to its close. I saw more people now; ragged, dejected people whose heads seemed permanently bent forward in a ceaseless search for food.

I saw a few working in the fields—a few tending their own vegetable plots and chickens—but for the most part they seemed bereft of all creative energy; they just wandered in their unending, dreary search for food.

I crossed the Thames by the old weed-grown lock gates at Teddington, and followed the northern bank of the river towards the city. The tidal waves had thrown vast quantities of silt across the boroughs of Hammer-smith and Chelsea, and for one whole afternoon I plodded across a plateau of flat, sunbaked mud, threading my way between the chimney stacks and church spires, guiding myself by the course of the sun.

Towards sunset upon the twelfth day of my journey I climbed the steep, narrow road to Uncle Henry's house. I had met quite a few people on the last stage of my journey; some working in little gangs to clear the debris from half-buried provision shops.

I knew in a moment that my uncle and aunt were no longer there. The wrought iron railings were almost buried in wild, rank weeds and I had to climb over the rust-jammed gate. What had happened to the old people I did not know—I do not know now.

The front door was locked and bolted; I forced my way through the undergrowth to the tradesmen's entrance and entered.

I opened the french windows of the upstairs drawing-room, drew a chair on to the verandah and sat down to think.

Twilight came: an old man drove two cows across the road from Kensington Park and through the open doors of a bank. He closed them in for the night and went away. Two people came from the Park with bundles of wood and pails of water, and then it was too dark to see any more.

I have lived there ever since.

There were, at that time, perhaps five thousand people in London—scattered over its length and breadth—but only a few in each district. They lived a scattered life because it was easier that way.

Food was the one absorbing factor of existence, and although it could still be found in ruins, there was only enough so long as we lived well separated from one another and gained by mutual consent our own individual hunting grounds.

It was the custom of the people in my neighbourhood to meet, towards sunset, in Kensington Gardens, where we went to draw our daily bucket of water from the Round Pond. On fine evenings we would set our buckets down, stroll among the trees and pass the time of day.

We were a strangely assorted little community of about fifty people, varying in appearance and condition according to our temperaments, ability to hunt well, and our will to live. One old gentleman, with snow-white hair, invariably wore a button-hole and always appeared, by some miracle of resourcefulness, sprucely dressed and immaculately clean. He had been a stockbroker in a very big way, I was told, and still lived among the ruins of his Park Lane mansion. In contrast came an old woman in whose hunting area must have lain a well-stocked wine store. She appeared every evening at the Pond, bleary-eyed and garrulous, her voice too blurred and thick to understand. But for the most part they were quiet, wistful people who talked and moved as if they were taking part in some ghostly



"The tidal waves had thrown up quantities of silt across the London river area. I plodded across a plateau of sunbaked mud between the chimneys."

## Expert Reassurance !

—From the Rev. M. Davidson, B.A., D.Sc., F.R.A.S., of The British Astronomical Association.

"The Hopkins Manuscript," by R. C. Sherriff, has many interesting features, but the writer is ignorant of science.

"He assumes that the slowing down of the moon's velocity would be followed by a movement towards the earth, whereas the opposite would occur. In point of fact, the moon is gradually moving slower and receding from the earth.

"His description of people taking refuge in caves, etc., is unfortunate. Hills and mountains would be the safest places, as even a slight approach of the moon would be followed by high tides that would inundate low-lying spots . . ."

Thanks to Mr. Davidson for interesting and practical re-assurance. The story, of course, was published and Mr. R. C. Sherriff wrote "The Hopkins Manuscript" as a work of fiction, without too close regard to the niceties of scientific fact. Mr. Sherriff comments:—

"My story was in no sense a scientific treatise. I was mostly concerned with the reactions of ordinary humanity if such a cataclysm as the moon striking the earth ever occurred. Where I touched upon scientific matters I only did so sufficiently to give some reality to the plot.

"If, in actual detail, I was incorrect, what scientist could describe H. G. Wells's 'Invisible Man' as being a possibility—but who could deny that it was a rattling fine yarn?

"Finally, I can at least claim to have dealt with a situation that science has never yet had to tackle. Having given humanity that which they so often cry for—the moon—I tried to imagine what they would do with it."

charade. All of us were in middle age, for the "recruiting lorries" had long since carried away the few young people that remained.

It was by the Round Pond that I met Professor Bransbury, and from him that I learned all about the man who called himself "Selim the Liberator."

Bransbury had been at Cambridge a few years before me, but we found much in common and several mutual acquaintances of our far-off student days. It became our custom to wander off together, to find a seat among the wild, unkempt shrubberies and to talk till twilight came.

He had been a Professor of Economics at London University—a man of wide reading and deep culture—Robinson Crusoe-like with his long-matted beard and straying locks of iron-grey hair. He wore a tattered morning coat with an open-necked cricket shirt and carried an old fur-lined motor rug that he had made into a kind of cloak. He told me the scraps of news that drifted into the ruined city, and one evening he casually remarked: "I hear that Selim is in Berlin."

"Selim?" I inquired. "Who is Selim?"

Bransbury stared at me with wide, incredulous eyes. "My dear fellow," he began. "Selim: I thought the whole world knew of him by this time. Selim, as far as I know, is a Persian, the son of a small local official who lived in Teheran. Apparently he was known in a small way for some years before the cataclysm. But it was the moon that made him. By some means he discovered the secret of the moon's approach before it was evident to the naked eye. He declared to his followers that the moon was the God of the Eastern Peoples: that very soon the Moon God would descend upon the earth to destroy their hated white oppressors.

"When it became evident that the moon was actually growing bigger and brighter every night, Selim's name was made. His fame spread like a forest fire to every corner of the Eastern world, and he lost no time in cashing-in upon the superstition of those ignorant millions. He trained the best of his followers and sent a hundred young disciples to spread the word. To millions Selim became a god himself: a divine messenger from the silver god that was rushing to their aid from the skies above.

"He had a big stroke of luck when the moon landed in the Atlantic. He

was able to announce that the Moon God had arrived: that it had crushed the white tyrants of Europe, leaving a miserable remnant for the Eastern peoples themselves to destroy as a sacrifice in honour of their deliverance. He called upon his followers to prepare for the Great Pilgrimage.

"But Selim has a level head. He knew that Europe was by no means destroyed as completely as he had announced to his followers. All through those two years when Europe was regathering its strength and struggling back to life Selim was collecting his hordes upon the plains of Turkestan. They came in their thousands to his camp—from the mountains of Afghanistan and the jungles of Africa—from China and Abyssinia—from India and the deserts of Arabia.

"He trained them in discipline and in the use of arms, but he need not have gone to so much trouble. By the time his Holy Pilgrimage was ready to start our silly little leaders in Europe were destroying one another.

"The Selimites swept in seething hordes across the Steppes of Russia and the eastern hills of Turkey: they were across the Volga—into Poland and the Balkans.

"Last week I heard that the Selimites were in Vienna and Berlin—that they had sacked Venice and Milan."

I began my story when I returned from the Park that night. For over a year my determination to complete it has given me the will to live.

My story is finished. By the setting of the sun this evening I would say that it must be November.

My flask stands beside me in readiness for the last page of my manuscript.

I pray that it may some day be discovered.

It is long past midnight and I am very tired from the blackness of the city comes one solitary flickering light from one tiny little glow from a house in a distant square. I wonder what it is.

THE END



# THREE SHIPS SUNK BY NAZI AIRCRAFT

## ACTIVITY ALONG SCOTTISH COAST

London, To-day.

**GERMAN AEROPLANES** yesterday attacked British shipping off the English Coast. Five ships were attacked, two off the East Coast of Scotland and two further south.

The 'planes came up under cover of mist and dropped bombs after machine-gunning the vessels. Reports so far indicate no serious damage and only one man was slightly injured.

## BIG SHIPS FOR U.S.

Washington, To-day.

Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, addressing the House of Representatives naval committee yesterday, stated that according to present naval studies the United States may build 50,000 or 52,000-ton battleships, but not larger vessels.

The two battleships for which President Roosevelt last week asked for initial funds will be "practically" sister-ships of the two 45,000-ton ships, for which Congress in 1939 voted funds with which to begin construction, Admiral Stark revealed. Admiral Stark declared: "Four such ships will be a perfectly splendid high-speed unit."

He added: "The quartet are designed for a speed of 33 knots."

Remarking that there was much talk in regard to the advantages of 62,000-ton battleships, Admiral Stark expressed the opinion that they would be "either too big or not big enough," but failed to explain this remark.

### NUMBERS OR SIZE?

Comparing the advantages and disadvantages of super-battleships, Admiral Stark remarked that while bigger craft were obviously superior to the individual smaller ship it should also be remembered that there were some advantages in numbers.

He declared: "A ship can only be in one place at a time," adding that there had been an example of this in the South Atlantic recently—apparently a reference to the defeat of the Admiral Graf Spee.

### 18-INCH GUNS?

Admiral Stark also reported that the Navy was experimenting on 18-inch guns for battleships, the largest guns at present being 16-inch.

He also revealed that the Navy is seeking an appropriation of \$14,000,000 for improving Guam Island, which Congress rejected last year.—Reuter.

## FRENCH PATROL BOAT WRECKED

Madrid, To-day.

A French patrol boat which ran aground on the coast of Spain during a storm is now a total wreck. Of her crew, 45 are safe and 10 others are believed lost.—Reuter.

The fifth ship was attacked by two Heinkels off the East Coast, and was damaged. R.A.F. fighters went up, but made no contact, owing to the bad visibility.

Unidentified planes flew high over the Firth of Tay area. They then made out to sea and four large explosions were heard. R.A.F. machines went up and returned later. High-flying 'planes also appeared over the Firth of Forth.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

An Admiralty announcement issued at midnight says that attacks by enemy aircraft on small unescorted merchant vessels were reported in the North Sea.

Reports received indicate that three ships were sunk. They were: The British ship Gowrie (689 tons), the crew of which were all saved by a Danish ship;

The Danish ship Ivan Kon-drup (2,369 tons), from which 11 survivors were landed by a British vessel and from which there are still 10 men missing, and The Danish ship Feddy (955 tons). No news of the latter's crew is yet available.—Reuter.

### TEN SHIPS ATTACKED

At least ten British ships were attacked, but only one was sunk. There were casualties among the crews from machine-gun fire.

One of the vessels attacked was a Trinity House boat relieving lighthouse crews. Four of her crew were wounded. One officer was killed.

Attacks were made, in addition, upon fishing smacks.

R. A. F. attempts to tackle the Nazi machines were hampered by the mist which covered the whole of the North Sea.—Reuter.

### TEN MEN WOUNDED

London, To-day.

Ten men were hit when German 'planes attacked one British coastal ship off the East Coast, it is reported. The attack was driven off by the R.A.F.

Two German 'planes bombed and machine-gunned a freighter northward bound off the English Coast, but fled when the ship's anti-aircraft gun opened fire. No damage was caused.—Reuter.

### "BRITISH LIBERTY" LOST

London, To-day.

During the week-end, the British tanker British Liberty, 8,500 tons, sank in the North Sea after an explosion.

Twenty of the crew of 38 are feared to have lost their lives. Eighteen survivors landed in France and have now returned home.—Reuter.

A Chinese was yesterday taken to the Queen Mary Hospital with a fractured leg, caused when he jumped from the first floor of No. 3, Tai On Street. He was being chased by a Chinese constable who sought to arrest him in connection with a larceny case.

## MR. OLIVER STANLEY DOWN WITH 'FLU

London, To-day.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, the new Secretary for War, is ill with influenza and has a slight temperature.

He is unlikely to take up his duties for two or three days. The Minister of Supply has appointed Colonel Sir Charles Wright to be Controller of Iron and Steel in place of Sir Andrew Duncan, the new President of the Board of Trade.—Reuter.

## FRANCE APPROVES SPEECH

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's Mansion House speech is warmly welcomed and approved in official French circles.

Again proof was given of the complete identity of views between the two Governments as shown by the parallelism on all important points between Mr. Chamberlain's speech and that of Premier Daladier's most recent public statements.

It is stressed that both statesmen proclaimed that no spirit of revenge animates their peoples against Germany, but since the German nation has associated itself with its present rulers, it is natural that the Allies should obtain material guarantees of peace.

The same importance is attached to the hope expressed that the Anglo-French economic and financial agreement would outlast the war and become the nucleus of wider international agreements.—Reuter.

## OFFICER REPORTED MISSING

London, To-day.

A young officer in an English County regiment in a sector of the Maginot Line front is now reported missing, says Reuter's special correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force.

This is the first officer casualty suffered by the British force in the Maginot Line.

Details are not available but it is believed the officer was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans.

In Berlin yesterday, the official Nazi news agency claimed that the Germans captured the first British officer to fall into their hands on the western front.

The officer died later in hospital from wounds. The Nazi statement adds that he was left behind after a British reconnaissance.—Reuter.

## UNION CASTLE SHIP SUNK

London, To-day.

The Union Castle liner, Dunbar Castle, struck a mine off the south-east coast last evening and sank within an hour.

A number of women and children passengers are reported to be missing, but others were picked up from two ship's lifeboats.

Extent of the casualties among the crew is not yet known.

She was a steamer of 10,000 tons and one of the most modern of the Union Castle ships. She was carrying 150 crew and about 48 passengers when she hit the mine.

### MEMBERS OF CREW KILLED

The captain and second officer of the Dunbar Castle are among the injured and some members of the crew are believed to have been killed.

The liner left London in the morning and struck the mine in the late afternoon.

Her passengers, numbering 48, took to the lifeboats two of which were picked up by a coastal motor-barge. Some of the passengers are still unaccounted for.

So far, seventy-eight survivors out of the 200 on board, have been brought ashore. They include nine children.

Her commander, Captain Chauton, is believed to have been killed.—Reuter.

## U.S. AID FOR FINLAND

London, To-day.

M. Ryti, the Finnish Premier, has appealed for foreign credits since the country's income has rapidly sunk.

While he was appealing, the United States Senate authorized the Treasury to grant loans up to \$60,000,000.

The Canadian Red Cross was putting aside \$50,000 for relief work;

The Argentine Republic was placing 50,000 tons of wheat at Finland's disposal, to be paid for when convenient; and

Two French ambulance units arrived in Stockholm on their way through to Finland.—Reuter.

## TRADE WITH FREE CHINA

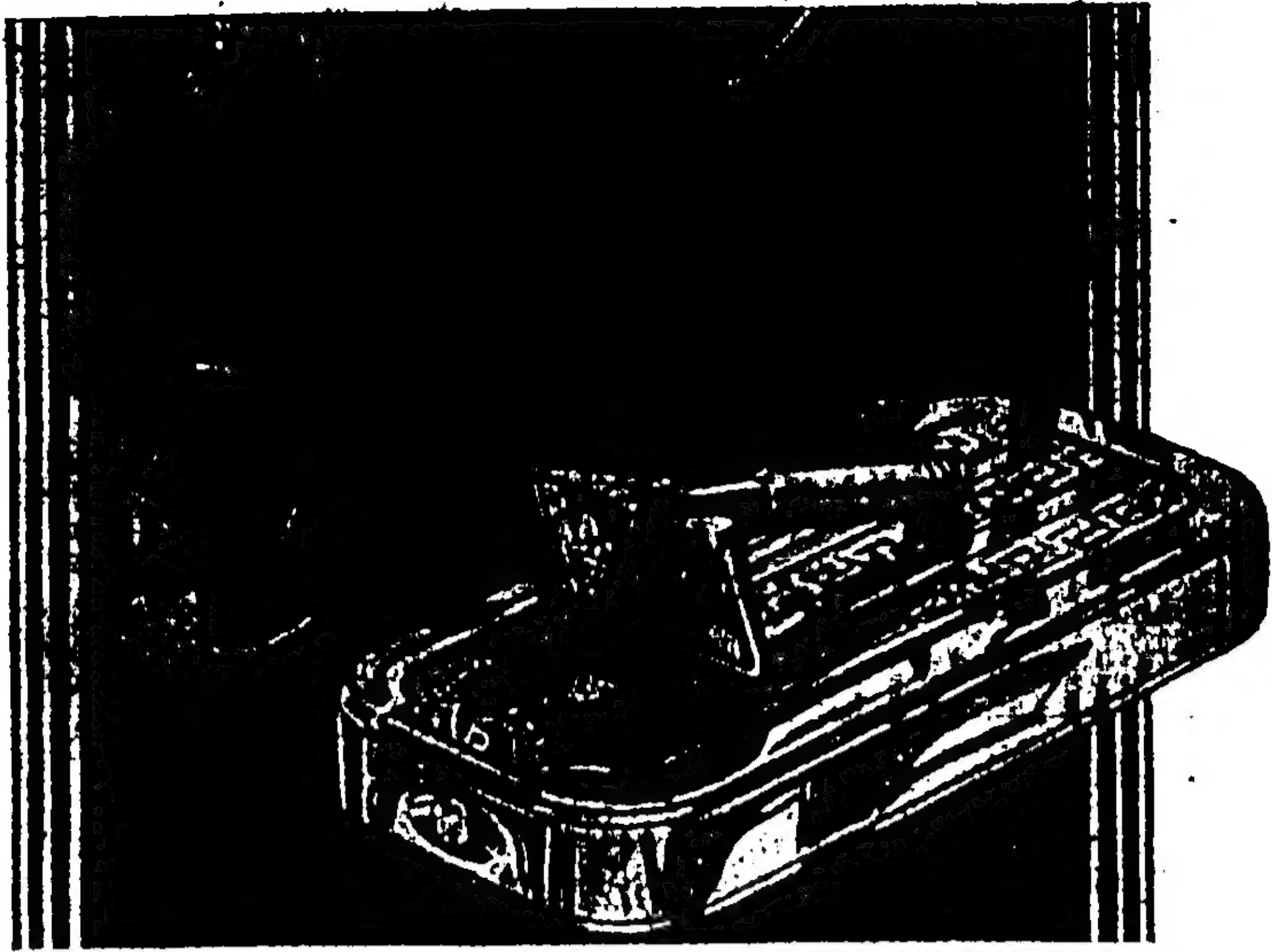
Shanghai, To-day.

In order that their products may enjoy free sales in the Chinese controlled areas all Chinese factories and business firms must first register with the Ministry of Economic Affairs in Chungking, according to a notification received by the Shanghai City Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber has been asked to notify local Chinese business firms to this effect.

All products or manufactured goods exported from Shanghai to Chinese controlled areas must be accompanied by bona fide documents issued by the Chamber of Commerce before they will be permitted to enter these areas.—Reuter.





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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### OUR WAR AIM

The defeat we have to inflict, as Mr. Chamberlain well said, is not merely the overthrow of the military power of Hitlerism, but the destruction of the brutal cult of treachery and aggression and torture of which Hitler is the prophet. Not till Germany has learnt to abandon it can she find any way to peace. When she is prepared to abide by pledges and respect the rights of others and obey the common law of civilisation a peace may be made which will establish a new and prosperous Europe. — "Daily Telegraph," London.

### - LOOKING INTO 1940

It's a fairly safe wager that 1940 will see the end of the past year's War No. 1. Many factors support that theory. The chief factor arguing to the contrary is the possibility that War No. 1 may join hands with War No. 2 to pool the major troubles of the Western World. But optimistic is he who can confidently predict the end of the combined Communist and Nazi menaces this year. — "Manila Bulletin."

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### HUMANITY MUST MAKE A CHOICE

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association, Maitre Jacques Charpentier of Paris, representative of the Bar of France, said something to the assembled lawyers that carries a tremendous moral for all of us. The world, he said, is divided into two camps—one of which believes in the Christian God, the other does not. On the one hand are the isms—Nazi-ism, Fascism, Communism, all of which set the State above religion; on the other hand is Christianity, which sets the man above the State or the race, and whose precepts are the basis of democracy and human freedom. — "Montreal Star."

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### VOICE OF FRANCE

M. Daladier spoke for a people that is better known than our own for its ability to see facts clearly even when they are unpleasant, and he did not pretend that this war will long go on as it is being conducted now. Germany may yet "let loose all her forces of destruction." For that last bolt, a sign of desperation like the present illegalities at sea, France, like ourselves, is prepared. M. Daladier's tribute to the French forces has been earned by deeds—the astonishing victory of the nine French fighters is an example—which have aroused great admiration in this country. The history of France itself is enough to give her allies confidence and pride, and we can be thankful, as we read the strong and generous words of her Prime Minister, that we have entered upon what may be the greatest struggle of our national existence with France, her intelligence, her industry and unrivalled military strength wholly at our side. — "Manchester Guardian."

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### AS GOOD A GUESS

The prediction of Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, that Germany would launch a terrific attack by land, air, and sea, using every weapon in her armoury, in the early spring, is probably just as good a guess as any in this entirely strange new war. A successful blow against Britain's seapower is, to all intents and purposes, the only way to an early German victory, and a quick victory is just as imperative now for Germany as it was when hostilities first commenced, despite Herr Hitler's boast that he was prepared to fight on for five years if necessary. — "North China Daily News," Shanghai.

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### NEUTRALS AND SECURITY

Mine warfare and mind raids like that Russia is making on Finland are carrying into every little capital in Europe a renewed appreciation of collective security. This war has proved more clearly than ever that there is little security even in neutrality. Indeed, neutral trade appears to be the major theater of blockade warfare. And neutrals like the Dutch are suffering more than some belligerents.

The little Baltic republics have already felt the claws of the Soviet Bear and know what happens when there is no law but violence or threat of violence. In the Balkans the lesson has not been missed. Even Hungary, which naturally had reservations about a League set up by the peace which dismembered her, has now a new feeling for collective security. With memories of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Albania, and Poland still fresh, the little neutrals of Southeastern Europe see safety in Allies. — "Christian Science Monitor," "China Weekly Review."

### THE NEXT PHASE?

The question which everyone must be asking now is the extent to which the war will spread during the coming year. That it will spread is generally taken for granted. If Soviet Russia succeeds in vanquishing Finland and then turns her attentions to the Balkans in more decisive fashion, Turkey will almost certainly move to halt the Russian advance. With Turkey warring against Russia, the mutual assistance pact between the Allies and Turkey will be implemented. Soviet Russia will then have been drawn into the war and, in all probability, will become the active ally of Nazi Germany. It requires little imagination to see that in such a situation continued Italian neutrality would be virtually impossible. Mussolini would have little alternative but to join the Allied camp. The Rome-Berlin Axis, which Hitler still hopes still to use for driving a bargain with the Allies, would be smashed by war. — "Christian Science Monitor," "China Weekly Review."

### HOOR NOT YET COME

"The hour has not yet come to talk of our aims and conditions of peace. Our only object at present is to win the war." — Edouard Daladier.



# "The Quiet Calm Before The Storm"

## PREMIER'S WAR SURVEY

### MANSION HOUSE SPEECH

London, To-day.

**SPEAKING AT THE MANSION** House last evening, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said the New Year, which would probably be a fateful one in the history of the world, had opened quietly but it was the quiet calm before the storm.

"It is only on sea that the war may be said to be in full operation, and it is on the sea that we can discern most clearly the trend of hostilities in the first four months of war."

Dealing with the first four months of the war at sea, Mr. Chamberlain said the result was not unsatisfactory.

The Germans had lost by capture and sinking, and above all by scuttling, 228,000 tons, and the rest of their shipping was either bottled up in foreign ports or confined to the Baltic. Attacks upon our fleet had up to now produced but meagre results.

"If we subtract from our losses by enemy action or ordinary marine casualties our gains by capture from the enemy, by new ships or transfers from foreign flags, we have lost up to date 122,000 tons—less than one per cent. of the merchant fleet we possess."

#### INEXORABLE PRESSURE

"The inexorable pressure of sea power acting on the enemy is producing ever increasing difficulties for her, and its results are not yet visible. "You have only to examine the Christmas orations of the German leaders to see what is ever present in their minds."

Referring to Finland, Mr. Chamberlain said that valiant people could rest assured that our response to the resolution passed by the League of Nations would be no mere formality.

#### MOBILISATION

The total number of men who, since the introduction of compulsory military service, had been registered or become liable to be called up under proclamation, amounted to between 2,500,000 and 2,750,000.

The mobilisation of the manpower of the country for military purposes was already on a prodigious scale.

The Prime Minister did not consider that the risk of air raids was over, or that it had diminished.

"We should make a capital mistake if we were to reverse the policy we have hitherto followed," he declared.

Dealing with taxation, Mr. Chamberlain urged that there should be sacrifices, as there were in totalitarian Germany and the great democracy of France.

#### THE NAZI TYRANT

"To put it about that the Allies desire the annihilation of the German people is a fantastic and malicious invention which can only be put forward for home consumption."

The German people must realise that the responsibility for prolongation of the war and all the suffering it may bring in the coming year was theirs as well as the tyrant who stood over them. (Cheers).

They were planning to add meat to the list of rationed commodities before long.

While there was no reason to suppose that the country would be short of anything necessary for health or

efficiency they should not hesitate to add to the rationing list if the necessity became acute.

#### PROGRAMME OF CONQUEST

Mr. Chamberlain said: "It has become increasingly clear that the German Government had long planned successive stages in a programme of conquest, and that its appetite grows by what it feeds upon."

"To-day the members of that Government do not hesitate to say that they desire to achieve the ruin of the British Empire, and no doubt they would rejoice if they could treat us as they are treating the victims who are already within their grasp."

"We on our side have no such vindictive designs."

"The German people must realise that the desire of the Allies for a social, humane, just and Christian settlement cannot be satisfied by assurances which experience has proved to be worthless."

"The methods that are pursued by the Government of Hitler are a standing threat to the independence of every small State in Europe."

"They are a constant menace to the moral standard on which the whole of western civilisation is founded."

"Nowhere have they aroused greater detestation than throughout the continents of North and South America."

#### ROOSEVELT MESSAGE

"In his recent message to the Pope, President Roosevelt declared that only by friendly association between the seekers of light and the seekers of peace everywhere could the forces of evil be overcome."

"I profoundly agree. But I would add that if the forces of right are to prevail we must not hesitate to risk our blood and our treasure for so great an aim. (Applause)."

"In our determination to achieve our purpose we are united among ourselves."

"We are supported by the peoples of the Empire, by the power and resolution of France, and by the moral approval of all who realise that the fate of civilisation is bound up with our success."

#### NEW ERA

"Against such a combination as that the powers of wickedness will fight in vain."

"But we are at the beginning of this new era, and we await the future with unshaken confidence in the strength of our arms and in the righteousness of our cause." (Cheers).

— Reuter.

#### DEDICATION TO VICTORY

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech inaugurated a great nation wide campaign in

### PREMIER SILENT ON CABINET SHUFFLE

London, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain disappointed expectations in his speech at the Mansion House last evening.

Although he spoke for 55 minutes he made no reference by name to the resignation of Mr. Hore-Bellina.—Reuter.

which members of the War Cabinet are addressing the people directly.

The Prime Minister referred to his own dedication to victory.

After a brief allusion to his own efforts to avert war, Mr. Chamberlain declared in ringing tones: "Since that day when war was declared my sole thoughts and all my actions have been directed to one purpose only, namely to do all I could, in the closest conjunction with our dauntless French allies, to bring this war to a successful conclusion."

"To that end I have subordinated everything else—all thought of rest or relaxation, partial affections, to use the words of the daily prayer in the House of Commons—all personal feelings and considerations whatsoever."

"From that purpose, so long as I hold my present office and until the war comes to an end, I will not be deflected nor will I shirk my inevitable responsibilities in what I feel to be right, no matter how difficult or even disagreeable they may be."

#### MANSION HOUSE CHEERS

The distinguished gathering at the Mansion House greeted these words

with cheers which bespoke their own readiness to shoulder the burdens of which the Premier spoke frankly in the later passages of his speech.

In that part of his speech directed to events abroad, in which he denounced the unprincipled attack on Finland, Mr. Chamberlain summed up his view in the following words: "When I looked beyond the boundaries of this country I cannot fail to observe how easily and how rapidly these evil things of which I have spoken before spread unless they are checked."

"Germany used brute force upon unhappy Poland, and to-day we can see how she is treating the Poles and Czechs, exploiting their resources, carrying off their food, starving and shooting their people, tearing them and uprooting them from their homes in order to make way for Germans who in their turn have been forced to leave lands where they and their families had been settled for generations."

#### HOPEFUL POSSIBILITIES

But, given an Allied victory, he saw hopeful possibilities in the outcome of Anglo-French co-operation which had already been the subject of observations by the French Premier.

Mr. Chamberlain said: "It might even develop into something even wider and deeper, because there is nothing which would do more to facilitate the task of peaceful reconstruction which has got to be undertaken sometime."

"There is nothing which would contribute more towards the permanence of its results than an extension of Anglo-French collaboration in finance and economics to other nations in Europe, and indeed perhaps to the whole world."

The Prime Minister dealt in great detail with the sacrifices which would fall upon all classes as the war effort increased in intensity.

No people was more patriotic than the British or more ready to sacrifice themselves for their principles.—British Wireless.

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## B.E.F. ONLY AN ADVANCE GUARD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Speaking in fluent French, the Minister of Supply, Mr. Leslie-Burgin, broadcast to the French people yesterday.

Mr. Burgin stated that the British Expeditionary Force was already in France; and was only the advance guard of a British army which would soon be fighting shoulder to shoulder with the French army.

"The number of British soldiers in France increases daily. Division after division is arriving, and the Germans will perhaps see more of our soldiers than they will like."

Mr. Burgin stated that Britain was enthusiastic over the fact that France and herself had pooled their resources.

He concluded by expressing unshakeable determination in the Allied victory.—Havas.

## ROOSEVELT PEACE IN SPRING HOPES

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt indicated to a group of Protestant churchmen yesterday that he hoped his efforts for peace would find some practical encouragement by the Spring.

Spokesmen for the groups of churchmen, who have criticised President Roosevelt's decision to send Mr. Myron Taylor as his personal envoy to the Vatican, reported after yesterday's conference with the President that the latter indicated that the appointment of such an envoy was based on a distinct aim in the direction of peace.—Reuter.

## NEUTRALS AND NAZI THREATS

London, To-day.

The firm stand taken by neutrals against German and Soviet threats is among the topics discussed by the British Press yesterday.

Germany's attempt to frighten the Scandinavian countries into not giving assistance to Finland, says the "Daily Telegraph," has merely made them more determined than ever to resist aggression. Sweden has not modified her determination, despite the Nazi bluster.

The talks between Italy and Hungary, says the paper, may bring about a strengthening of the peace front there to maintain the broken status quo.

"The Times" says that although Germany continues to exhort neutral countries to remain impartial, the Government's policy makes these countries reassure themselves by other means. If Switzerland's new defence lines face north and northeast, the Nazis have only themselves to thank.—Reuter.

## CONSPIRACY CASE IN KOWLOON

BEFORE MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING FIVE MEN CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING TO ROB WERE CONVICTED AND SENTENCED.

Accused, Chung Hung, 30, Chan Wong, 28, Wong Yung-sang, 25, Chow Keung, 28, and Kwong Shiu, 24, were sentenced to six months' hard labour. Ho Tai, who pleaded not guilty, was discharged.

First, second, third and fourth defendants were recommended for banishment.

Chief Detective Inspector Carey said that he, with a police party, at 1.30 p.m. on Monday visited a Cafe in Woosung Street and arrested first and fourth accused, who were having tea there. He found a knife, wrapped in a piece of paper, in first accused's left jacket pocket.

Later, following interrogation, he arrested the rest of the gangsters.

He said that Chan Wong came from Un Long, gathered together accomplices and arranged with them to go to Un Long to rob a woman who had a considerable amount of money and was a newcomer from America.

## GREEK FINANCIER TO VISIT LONDON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Greece's Finance Minister and Governor of the Central Bank is expected here shortly for discussions on financial and commercial problems.—Havas.

## NAZI PRESS ATTACKS ON TURKEY

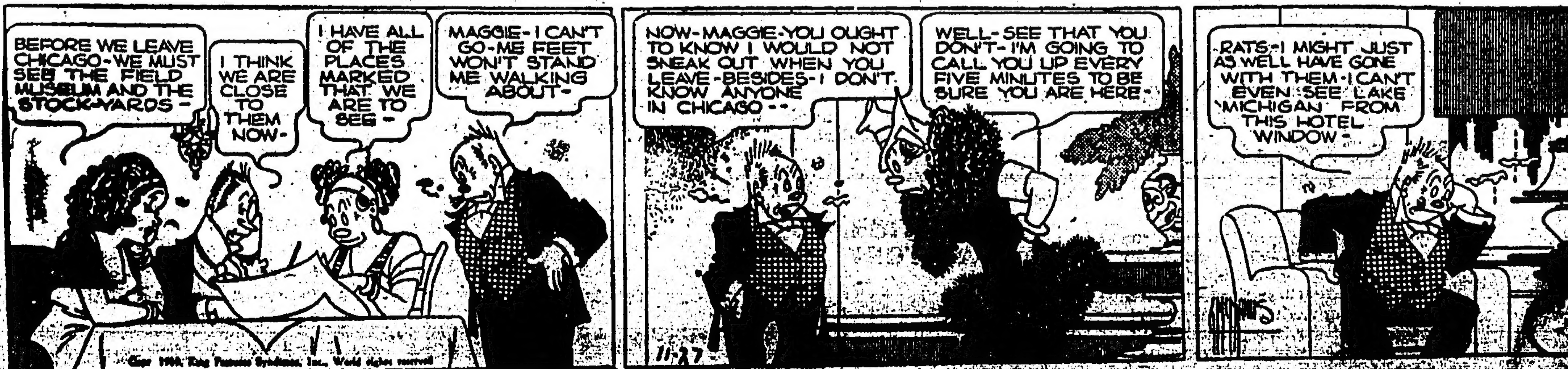
Berlin, To-day.

The Nazi press is attacking Turkey for favouring Britain and France in its foreign trade policy. Although Germany holds credits against Turkey, the papers complain, Turkey is unwilling to liquidate them by delivering raw materials which Germany needs.—Reuter.

Six men, two armed with revolvers, raided a house at Shataukok yesterday evening. They robbed an elderly couple of money and property to the value of some \$200.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





# CHINA WAR'S EFFECT ON JAPANESE INTERNAL ECONOMY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

RETAIL PRICES IN JAPAN on December 15 were 42.1 per cent. higher than on June 15, 1937, the month before the outbreak of the China war, according to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Among the price increases outstanding items were food, with 45.8 per cent., and clothes, with 47.2 per cent. over the pre-China war level.

Paradoxically the highest price registered was for sea-food, which is so abundant in Japanese waters.

## SOVIET DEBACLE

Helsinki, To-day.

In the successful battle around Suomussalmi, reports indicate, about 6,000 Soviets were killed and 1,000 taken prisoner. The remnants are still being harassed.

The 44th Division of the Soviet Army, it is now learned, was being sent to maintain the pressure on Finland's "waist-line," and to relieve the 163rd Division, which was shattered by the Finns some days ago.

The new Finnish success was due once more to the skilful patrol work and superior mobility of the Finns. The Finnish Air Force also cooperated, bombing troops and supply convoys.—Reuter.

## CANADA'S WAR BUDGET

OTTAWA, TO-DAY.

THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF THE WAR, AMOUNTING TO SOME £6,000,000 A DAY, IS NOW BEING SHARED BY THE DOMINIONS. CANADA HAS UNDERTAKEN A PROGRAMME COSTING £70,000,000, WHICH IS HALF AS MUCH AGAIN AS THAT SPENT DURING THE FIRST 20 MONTHS OF THE LAST WAR.

This does not include Canada's other help, such as her part in the Empire air training scheme and the supply of foodstuffs, metals and munitions. Trade will be paid for by credits, to avoid shipping gold across the Atlantic Ocean.—Reuter.

## THE KING RETURNS FROM SANDRINGHAM

London, To-day.

His Majesty the King returned to London from Sandringham yesterday and received Mr. Hore-Belisha at Buckingham Palace, when the latter gave up his post. Mr. Hore-Belisha remained with the King for half an hour.

Immediately afterwards, the King received Lord MacMillan.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE TAKE ALARM IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Strict precautions have been enforced since yesterday morning by the Japanese in West Shanghai to prevent the filtering-in of Chinese soldiers in plainclothes. It is reported that part of the new Fourth Route Army has secretly arrived near Shanghai.—Our Own Correspondent.

Average retail price index is 13 per cent. higher than last year.

This was a disappointment to the Central Price Policy Commission, which succeeded in bringing down the monthly rise in prices to only 0.7 per cent. for October by a decree pegging all retail prices on the level attained on September 18.

Unfavourable rice returns after this autumn's harvest apparently largely contributed to the steady overflooding of the Government's price pegging bargains since October.

Nevertheless, the Government is unwilling to abandon its control over prices.

### FLEXIBLE POLICY

Until September the Government had endeavoured to maintain or bring back prices to their pre-China war level.

The present trend seems toward a more flexible policy, although the Government is watchful of possible harmful effects of increasing prices on the social body.—Havas.

## GUESSES EXHAUSTED

London, To-day.

Discussion on the Cabinet changes is beginning to hang fire, awaiting Mr. Hore-Belisha's personal statement in the Commons next week.

The newspapers have covered every possible reason for his resignation, and a lull is likely until they have more reliable facts to go on.—Reuter.

## LORD WILLINGDON IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, To-day.

Lord and Lady Willingdon, who are on their way to New Zealand, arrived here yesterday by an Imperial Airways' plane, to spend the night in Government House.—Reuter.

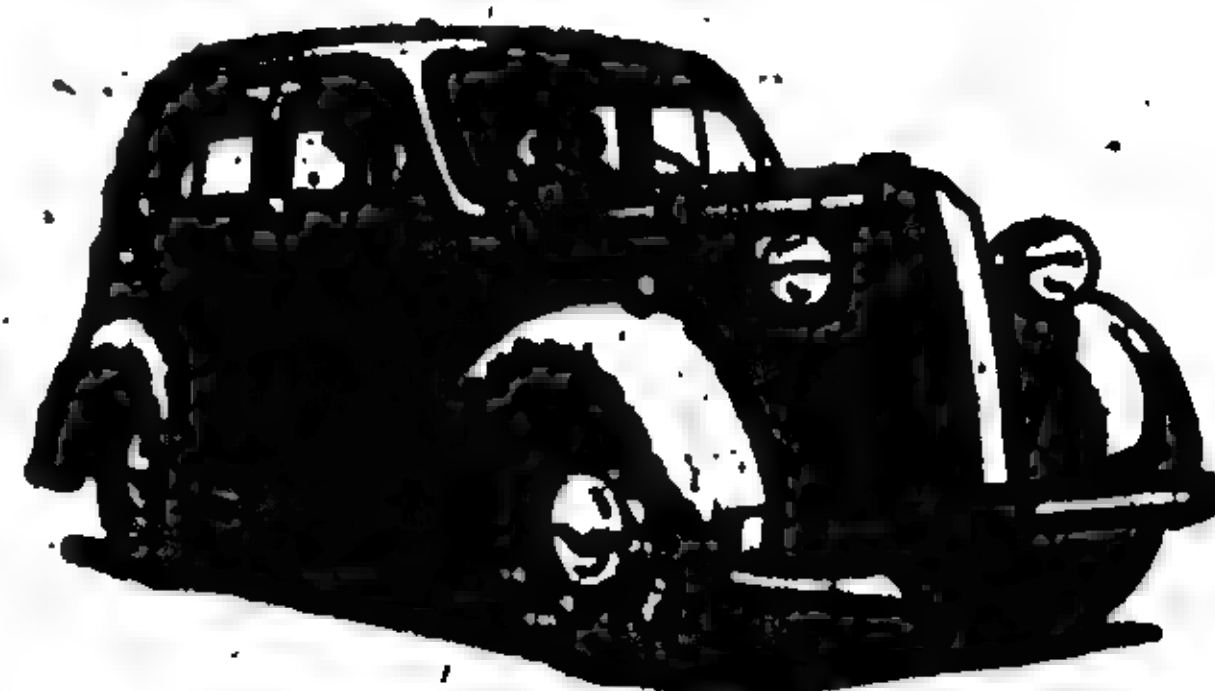
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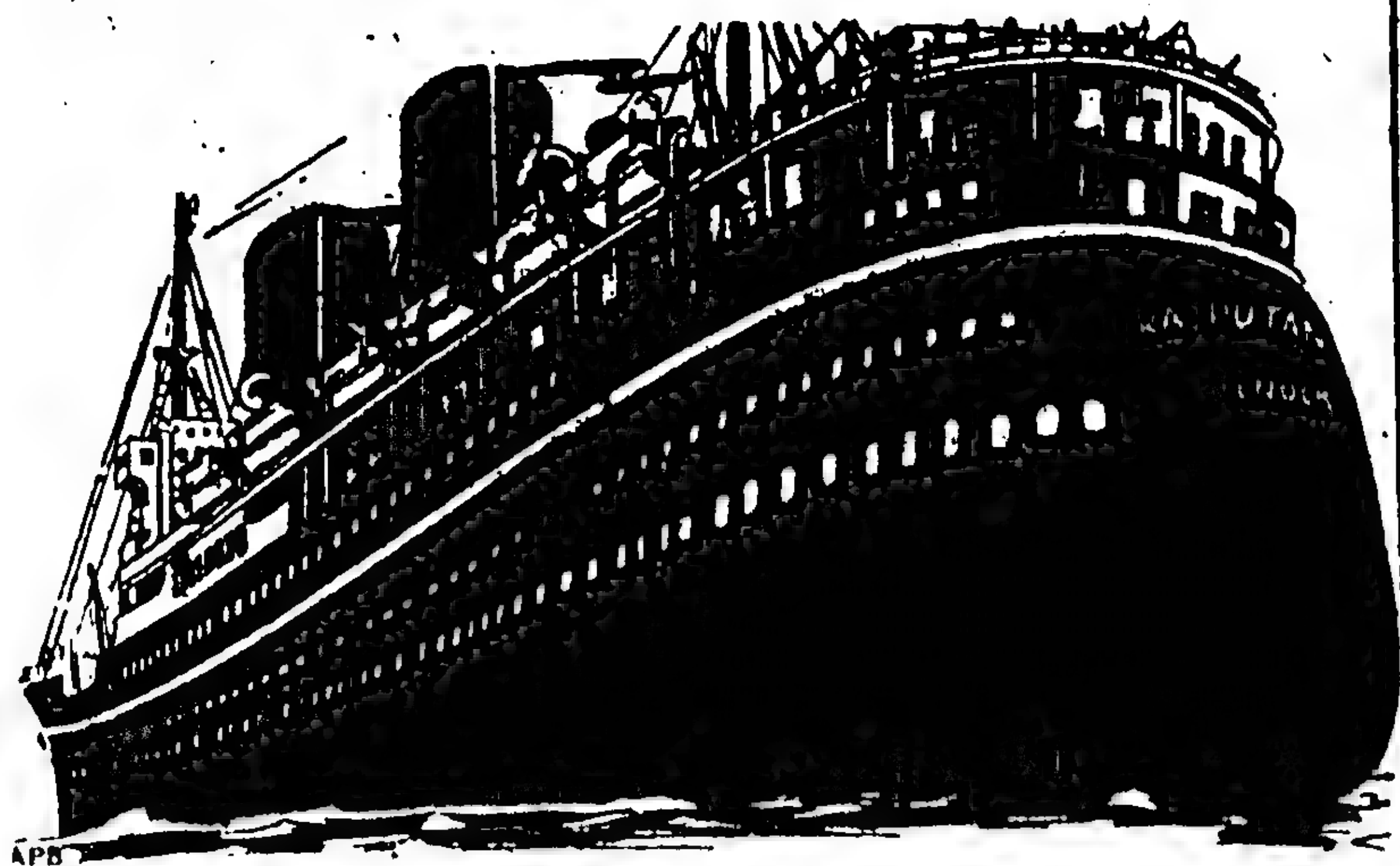


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## TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. NORMAN BETHUNE

Chungking, To-day.

DETAILS OF THE DEATH of Dr. Norman Bethune, a Canadian volunteer physician with the Chinese army have just been issued by official sources here.

Dr. Bethune, who came from Montreal, died on November 13 after he had developed blood poisoning when he cut his finger while performing an operation on a wounded Chinese guerilla.

Despite all efforts to save his life, the doctor, who was known among the Chinese as "the benefactor of the guerillas," drew his last breath amid a group of colleagues in the guerilla district behind the Japanese lines in north Shansi.

Just before his death, Dr. Bethune was planning to leave China and conduct a lecture tour and fund-raising campaign in the United States in aid of medical relief for the Chinese forces in Shansi.

### IN SPAIN

Dr. Bethune saw service in the Great War and among the Canadian volunteers for medical work in Spain.

He came to China in the summer of 1937, soon after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

He operated on an average of 130 patients a month, sometimes performing 10 to 15 operations a day.

From April to July, 1939, he performed 315 operations, walked 500 miles, established 13 first-aid dressing stations, organised two medical units, conducted a series of technical lectures and formed a model hospital.—Reuter.

## A. R. P. UNRELAXED

EDINBURGH, TO-DAY.

WARNING AGAINST ANY REVERSAL OF THE PRESENT PRECAUTIONARY SYSTEM AT HOME WAS MADE BY SIR JOHN ANDERSON, MINISTER FOR HOME SECURITY, IN A SPEECH HERE. THE ENEMY AIR FORCE IS STILL IN CONTACT, HE POINTED OUT.

Although there has not yet been a concentrated attack, he went on, nothing has occurred to show that it will not come when it suits the enemy's strategy.

Referring to Hermann Goering's recent threat to attack Britain with a huge air force, Sir John said that we need not take too literally everything said by Germany's leaders, but it would be criminal to allow the British people to slacken their defence; although nothing had happened in the first four months of the war, the danger was no less.—Reuter.

A derelict junk, dangerous to navigation, has been sighted in Lat. 20.50 N., Long. 113.23 E.

## CANADIAN C.-IN-C. IN FRANCE

London, To-day.

Major-General McNaughton, leader of the Canadian overseas force, accompanied by his Staff, has arrived in France, says Reuter's special correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force.

There was no official ceremony of greeting for the Canadian officers, who are to meet General Lord Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief.—Reuter.

## PIRATE ACTIVITIES

PIRATES CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE AROUND AND IN HONG KONG WATERS, THEIR TWO LATEST CRIMES BEING THE MURDER OF A JUNKMAN AND THE THEFT OF A VALUABLE CARGO FROM ANOTHER.

Cargo-junk 2320 was attacked at about midnight on December 29, when anchored off Nam-O, near Mira Bay. Pirates boarded the junk and shot and killed the brother of the master, Chang Kam-hoy, before helping themselves to \$450 in money. The master of the junk and its crew were held captive for five days before being released.

In the second piracy, which occurred at 11 p.m. on Sunday, the pirates helped themselves to a cargo of wood-oil and wolfram ore valued at \$8,800. The master of this junk, No. 3208, said that he was sailing off Sammun Customs Station when the pirates came on board.

Two hitherto unknown shoals off the west coast of Palawan have been revealed by a recent survey. One is situated in Lat. 10.1000 N., Long. 118.2200 E. and the other in Lat. 10.0440 N., Long. 118.3320 E.

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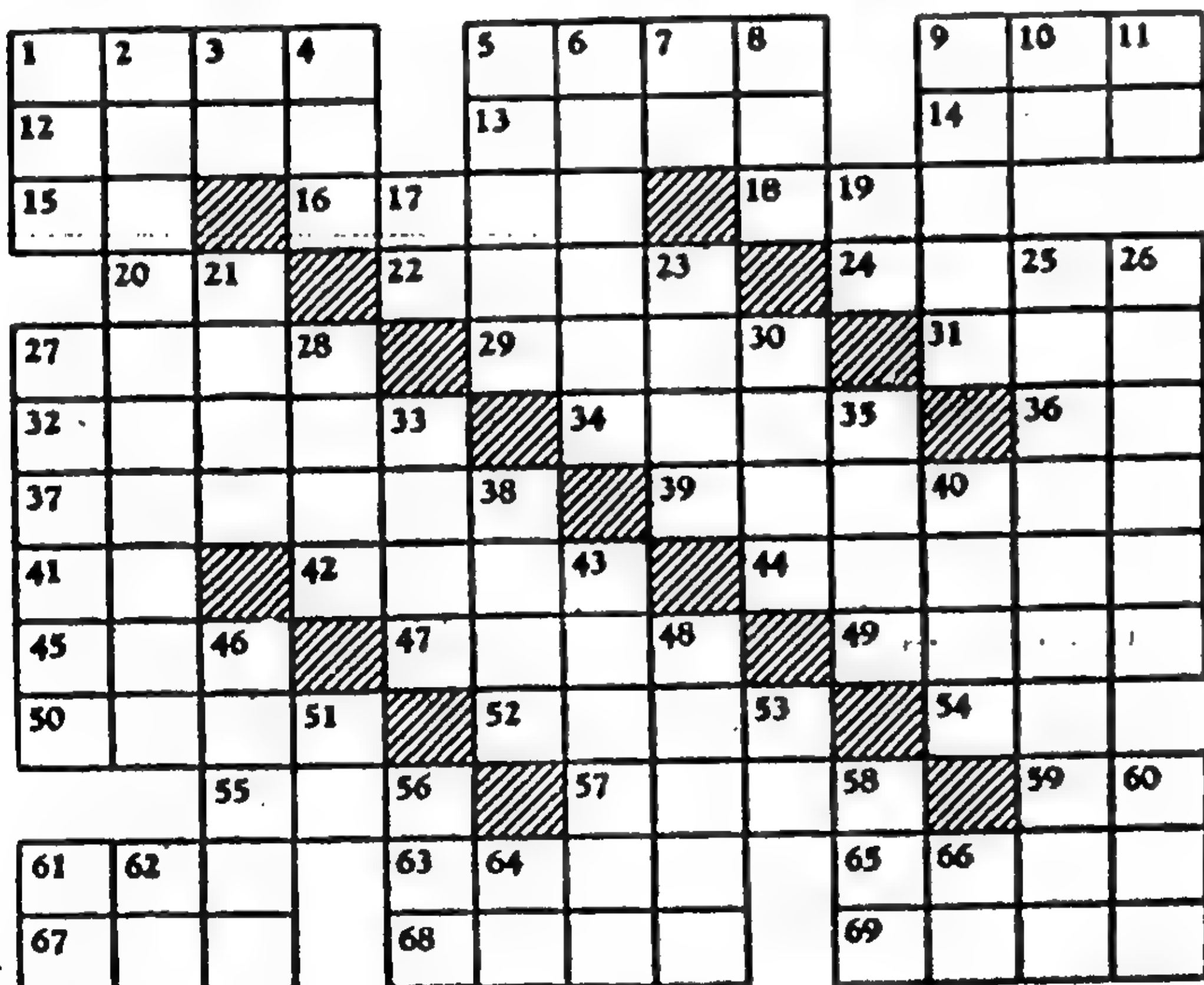
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- 5 Piece of meat
- 9 Piece for two
- 12 Amphibian
- 13 Finnish poem
- 14 Unit of energy
- 15 Preposition
- 16 Persian poet
- 18 Sesame
- 20 To perform
- 22 Alt
- 24 District in London
- 27 Rims
- 29 Withered
- 31 To dine
- 32 Over
- 34 Fresh-water fish
- 36 Myself
- 37 Sentimental song
- 39 Medicine man
- 41 Italian article
- 42 Fastens
- 44 Sheep-like
- 45 Wing
- 47 To predestine
- 49 Wife of Geraint
- 50 Constellation
- 52 Molten rock

#### VERTICAL

- 54 Latin conjunction
- 55 Abstract being
- 57 Steeps
- 59 Whether
- 61 Skill
- 63 Mimic
- 65 Arrow poison
- 67 To foretell
- 68 Pith
- 69 To attitudinize

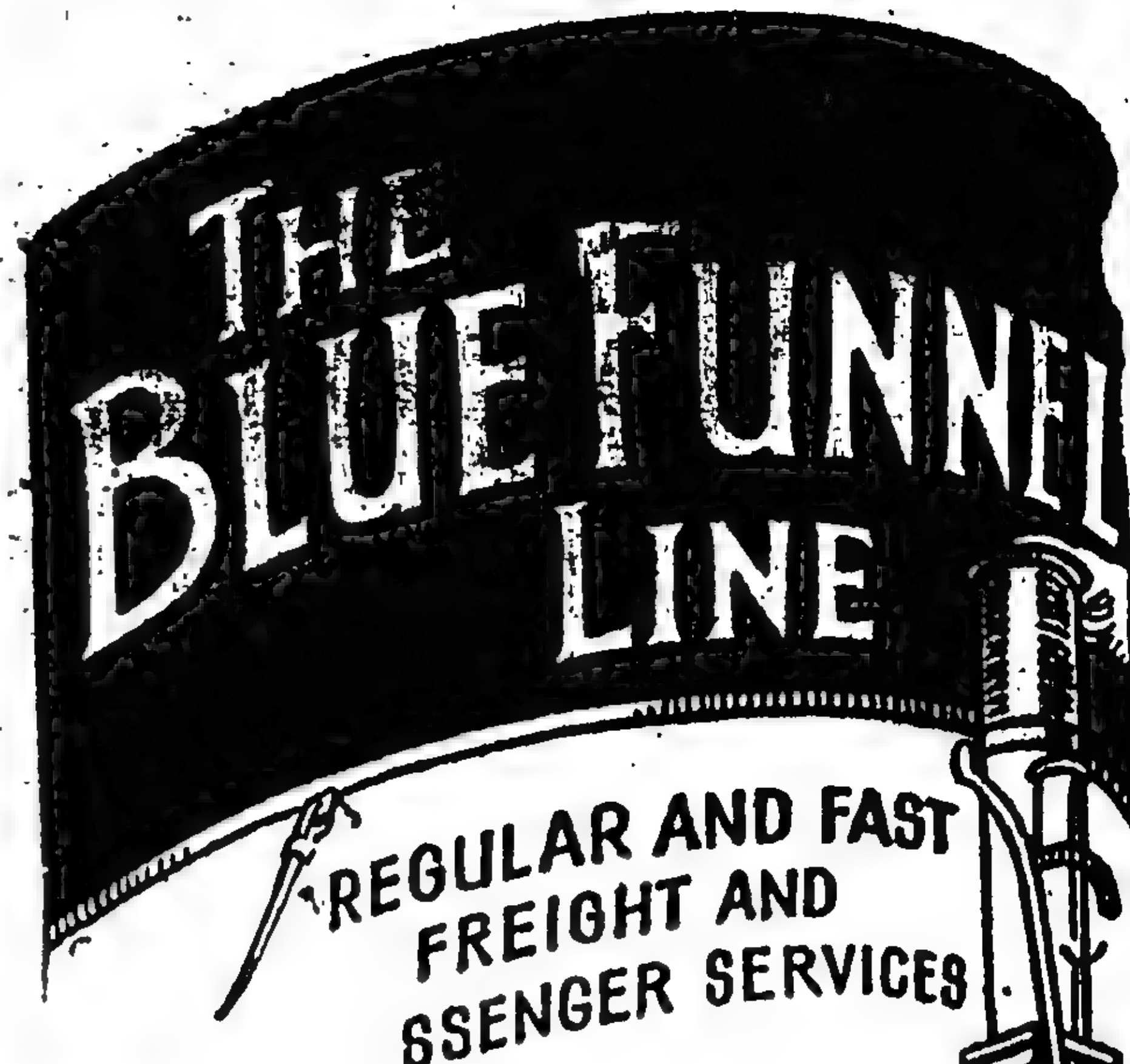
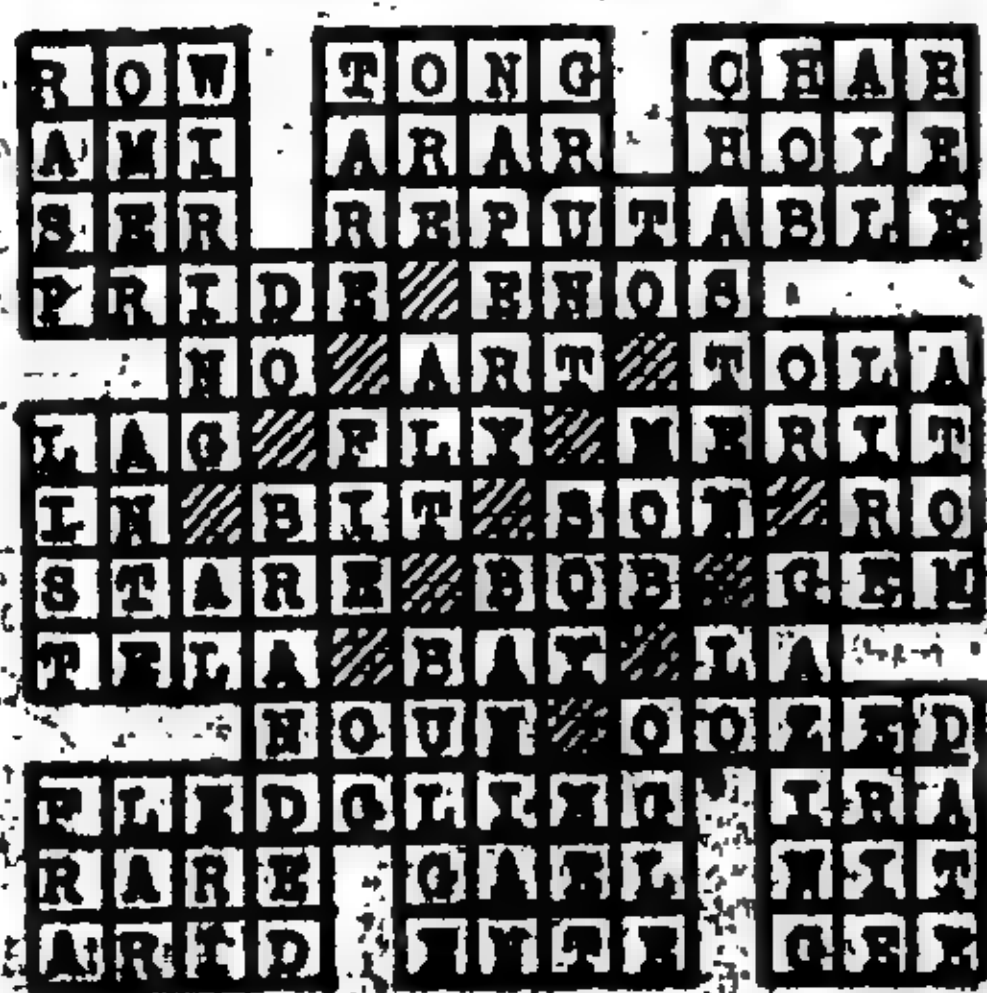
#### VERTICAL

- 1 Sternward
- 2 Extravagantly
- 3 Butterfly
- 4 Past
- 5 Obtuse
- 6 Cast
- 7 Forward
- 8 To fondle
- 9 Greek island

#### VERTICAL

- 10 Chaldean city
- 11 King of Bashan
- 17 Note of scale
- 19 Part of "to be"
- 21 Gem
- 23 Epochs
- 25 Classical learning
- 26 Began
- 27 Formed by lips
- 28 Sediment
- 30 To support
- 33 Ingenious
- 35 Roof edge
- 38 Transaction
- 40 Pit
- 43 Gazes
- 46 Mountain spur
- 48 To turn out
- 51 One
- 53 Proposition
- 56 To sink
- 58 To taste
- 60 Payment
- 61 Like
- 62 Concerning
- 64 Greek letter
- 66 Negative

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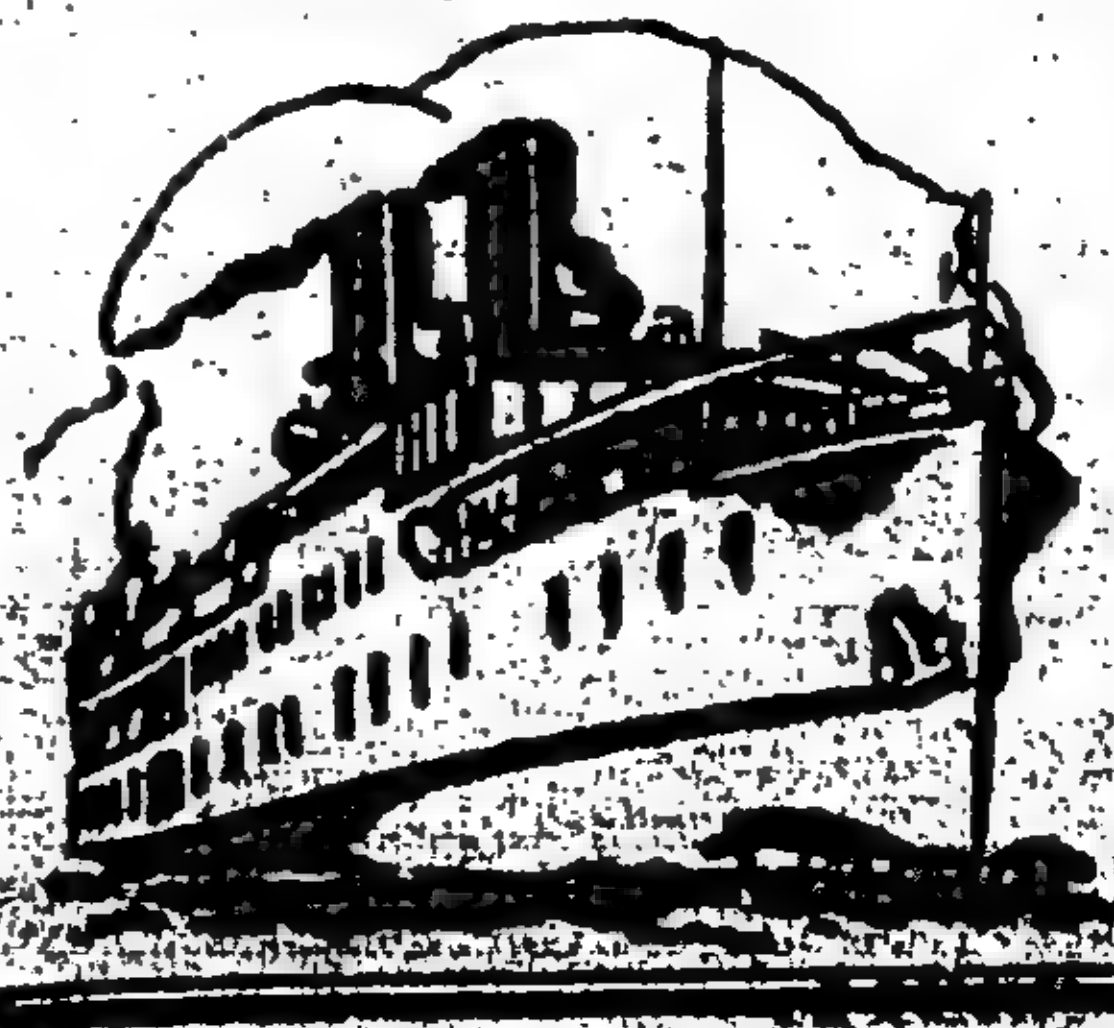
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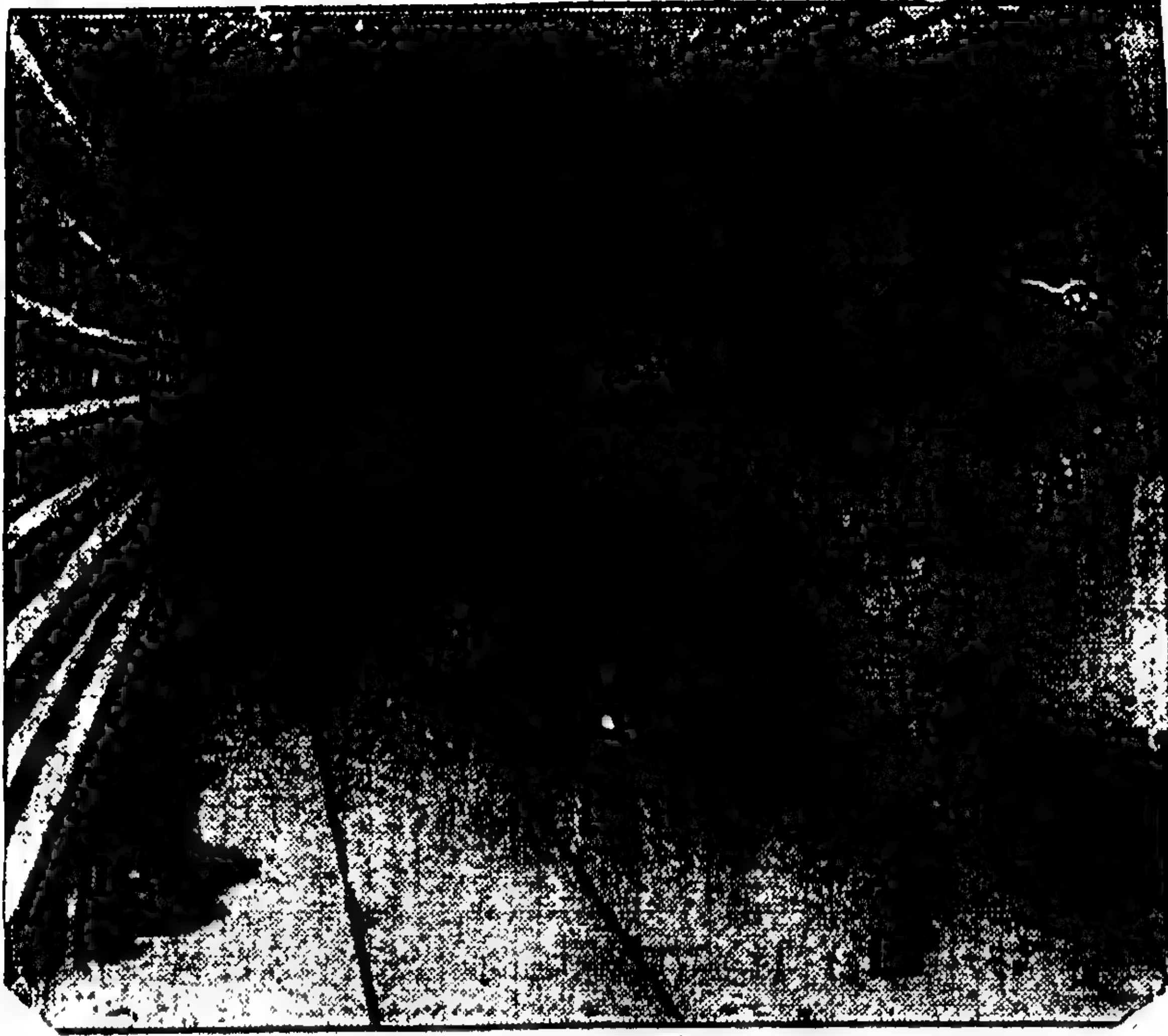
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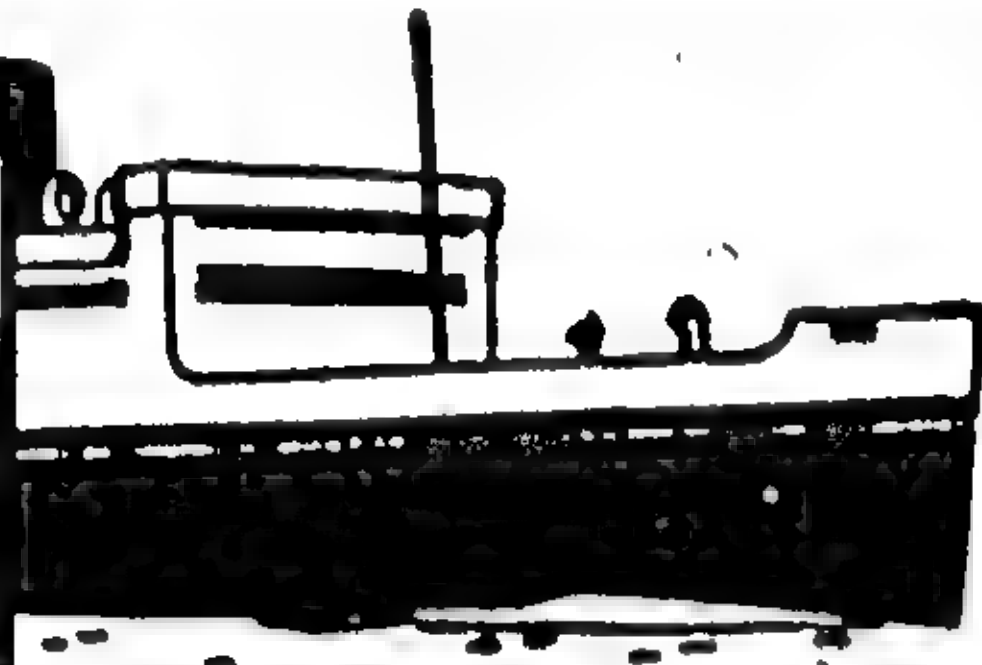
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### PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$17.60 b., \$17.60/65 sa.

Yaumati Ferries \$23¼ b.

China Lights (Old) \$7.65 b., \$7¼ sa.

H.K. Electrics \$55½ b., \$56 s., \$56 sa.

Telephones (Old) \$25 b., \$25 sa.

Telephones (New) \$9.40 b.

### INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$18 b., \$17.95 sa.

H.K. Ropes \$0.10 b.

### STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms (New) \$21¼ b.

Watsons \$9¼ b.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$0.80 b.

Constructions (Old) \$1¼ b.

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Antamoks Ps. .15½ b.

Atoks Ps. .20 sa.

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Paracale Gumaus Ps. .19 sa.

San Mauricio Ps. .88 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .21 sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .13½ sa.

Syndicate Inv. Ps. .025 b.

United Paracales Ps. .31 sa.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13-1/8.

Silver was quoted at 21-7/8 for spot and 21-13/16 forward.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £ — U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York on London rate at £ — U.S.\$3.95-7/8.

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Rachmaninoff's Prelude, from George Goncharoff's Ballet at the King's Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The artistes in the picture are Irene Artluh, Peggy Stoneman and Lara Tesar.

## CYPRIOI TROOPS NOW IN FRANCE

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
DESPATCHES FROM FRANCE ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL THERE OF THE FIRST COLONIAL TROOPS, THESE BEING A CYPRIOT TRANSPORT UNIT.

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## TENSION IN AMOY

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinese and Japanese reports from Amoy state that the atmosphere in Kulangsu, opposite Amoy, became tense yesterday following the shooting of two Chinese "puppets" on Monday night. All travelling between the island and the port are being strictly examined and searched by the Japanese. The two victims were seriously wounded but are not in danger. No arrests are reported. — Our Own Correspondent.

A 4-year-old Chinese lad, Shi Chan, was killed yesterday afternoon when he was knocked down by a lorry in Reclamation Street.



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The new scheme is designed to cover the period from January 1, 1940, to February 15, 1941.

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These, however, have yet to be agreed upon between the various tea trade associations and the Ministry of Food.

The additional charges which are to be added to the contract price will apply only to each production district and not to individual estates.

It is also understood that the Ministry of Food may set up a panel of brokers to investigate complaints regarding inferior quality.—Reuter.

## CONVOY SYSTEM'S SUCCESS

Paris, To-day.

According to "Le Journal" 1,080 vessels have been convoyed by the French Navy since the outbreak of war.

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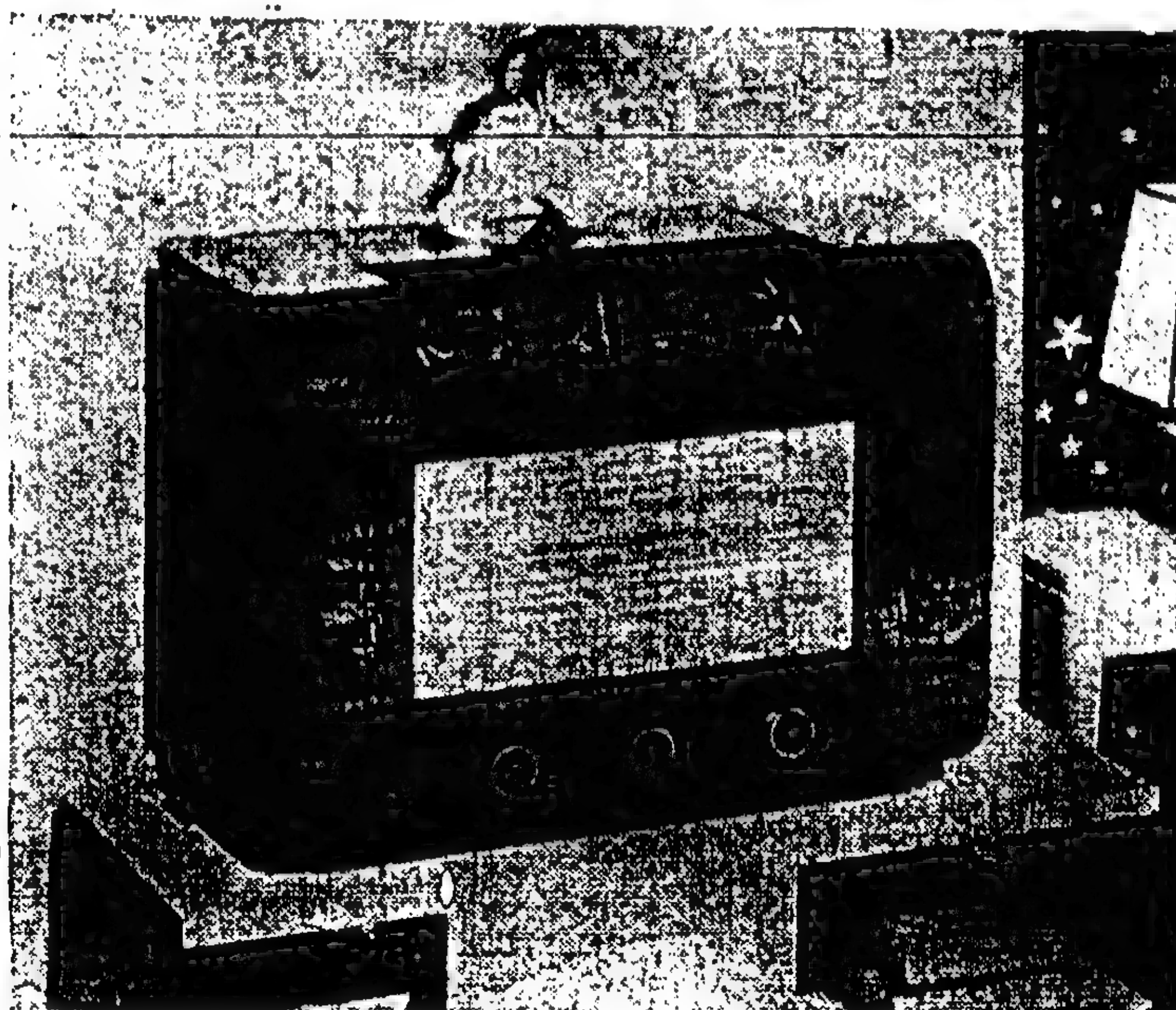
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

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1.03 p.m.—BILLY MAYERL at the Piano.  
Mistletoe (Billy Mayerl).  
Nimble Fingered Gentleman (Billy Mayerl).  
Six Miniatures—Billy Mayerl's Own Selection. Intro: Besides a Rustic Bridge; Little Lady from Spain; A

May Morning; Many Years Ago; My Party Frock; Air de Ballet.  
1.15 p.m.—REGINALD FOORT at the Organ.  
Keep Smiling! (R. Foort); The A.B.C. March (Foort & Ferring); Song of Paradise (King); Lover, Come Back To Me (from 'New Moon'); One Kiss (from 'New Moon').  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC by Brian Lawrence and His Lansdowne Orchestra.  
Quickstep—It's In The Air (from the film).  
Fox-Trots—The Lady On The Second Floor; One In A Million (from the film); I'm Gonna Kiss Myself Good-Bye.  
In The Mission By The Sea (Hill-De Rose).  
Mine Alone (O'Connor & Others).  
Fox-Trots—Sunset In Vienna (film 'Vienna Sunset'); You're Looking for Romance I'm Looking for Love; Toodle-00; Throwing Peanuts to the Moon.  
2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.  
6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.  
Fox-Trots—Goodbye To Summer; Sixty Seconds Got Together.... Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.  
Slow Fox-Trot—I Let A Song Go Out Of My Heart; Waltz—Cinderella Sweetheart.... Oscar Rabin & His Romany Band.  
Fox-Trots—Small Fry (film 'Sing You Sinners'); Ten Easy Lessons.... Adrian Rollini Quintet.  
Tangos—Love Has Entered My Heart; Farewell, My Love.... Robert Renard Dance Orchestra.  
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Fox-Trot—Let's Begin (film 'Roberta'); Waltz—Touch of Your Hand (film 'Roberta').... Paul Whiteman & His Orchestra.  
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Tangos—Land of Magic; Lamentol.... Heinz Huppertz & His Orch.  
Slow Fox-Trot—Once In A While; Waltz—Glennina Mia (film 'Firefly').... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.  
6.58 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota.

7.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—Flotsam and Jetsam in "Laugh It Off".  
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—STUDIO—"All-in Bee" No. 4: Teachers v. Parents.  
8.30 p.m.—VARIETY with Sandy Powell, Rawicz and Landauer, Turner Layton and Others.  
Vocal—Take Me Away From The River (Parker); Young and Healthy (film '42nd Street').... The Four Musketeers with Mabel Pearl at the Piano.  
Piano Duets—Rosalie (from the film); Roses In December (film 'Life of the Party').... Rawicz and Landauer.  
Humorous Sketch—What The Stars Foretell (Thomson).... Sandy Powell.  
Vocal & Piano—Dinner For One Please, James (Carr); The Echo Of A Song (Mann & Others).... Turner Layton.  
Piano Duet—The Great Waltz—Selection.... Rawicz and Landauer.  
Vocal—L'Hotel Du Clair De Lune (Simonet & Gerard)... Lucienne Boyer with Orchestra.  
9.05 p.m.—STUDIO—Comments on Recent Events.  
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.  
9.30 p.m.—LUIGINI—Ballet Egyptian. Marek Weber & His Orchestra.  
9.45 p.m.—Military Band Music and Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone).  
Orpheus In The Underworld—Overture (Offenbach, arr. Pearce)... The Black Dyke Mills Band cond. by Arthur O. Pearce.  
Even Bravest Heart ("Faust"—Gounod); Oh, Star of Eve! ("Tannhauser"—Wagner).... Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) with Orchestra.  
Hungarian Fantasy (Fiedy)... Band of the Royal Hungarian "Maria Theresia" Regiment.  
10.05 p.m.—SCHUBERT—Trio No. 1 in B Flat, Op. 99. Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.  
10.38 p.m.—SCHUBERT SONGS. Near The Beloved, Op. 5, No. 2. Laughing and Weeping, Op. 59, No. 4. Night and Dreams, Op. 43, No. 2. Happiness.... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.  
10.47 p.m.—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. Overture "King Lear", Op. 4 (Berlioz).  
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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Bridge is only a game, it is true, but it is such a fine game that we cannot help but feel that if one wishes to play it at all, it is worth while to devote a little real thought to it. This is especially true when one becomes the Declarer, for then there is the pleasure of having 26 cards to play with. We would rather give up the game entirely than play in as sloppy a manner as South did in this hand.

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 8 4  
♥ 9 5 3  
♦ Q 7 2  
♣ A Q 6 5 3

♠ Q J 10 6  
♥ 10 7 2  
♦ K 9 5  
♣ 8 4

♠ 9 7 6  
♥ A 8 6 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ K 7 2

♠ A K 2  
♥ K Q J  
♦ A J 10 4  
♣ J 10 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1NT Pass 2NT Pass  
3NT Pass Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Queen of spades. South won with the King and, having been told always to go after the longest suit, immediately finessed for the King of clubs. East returned a spade. Declarer played low, then won the third round. Now he work up to the fact that he had only eight tricks. Furthermore, he had a complete (absolute) guess whether to knock out the heart Ace or finesse for the diamond King. As is natural with a player of this type, South guessed wrong. After running off the club suit, he finessed diamonds and when this lost, was set two tricks.

What a simple hand for a thinking player! After winning the first trick, all South has to do is to knock out the heart Ace. Declarer then ducks one round of spades, wins the next, then takes the club finesse. And now nine sure tricks are in view, with the defence completely helpless.

Yesterday you were Declarer at six spades on the following hand:

♠ A K 7 6 2  
♥ A 10  
♦ K 10 8  
♣ A J 5  
(Dummy)

♠ Q J 9 5 4  
♥ K 2  
♦ A 8 6  
♣ K 10 3

The Queen of hearts was opened. How should you play the hand?

ANSWER: Your correct play is to win the opening lead, draw trumps, cash the other heart and play three rounds of diamonds. Then, whichever opponent wins the trick will have to either lead a club, thereby taking the finesse for you, or give you a ruff and discard.

Score 100% for correct play, 0 for any other play.

QUESTION NO. 304  
You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner to-day and hold:

♠ A K Q x x x  
♥ —  
♦ A K x  
♣ A J 10 x

The bidding:  
You Maier Burnstone Jacoby  
2♠ Pass 3♥ Pass  
3NT Pass Pass

What do you bid? (Answer—fourth row.)

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FORWARD-LINE THE  
BEST DEPARTMENT

(By "REFEREE")

HONG KONG Football Association has at last chosen the team which will represent the Colony in the forthcoming Interport with Shanghai at Shanghai during the Chinese New Year, and, in view of the scanty material at their disposal, have acquitted themselves in their task well.

The decision of the Chinese teams not to participate in the series, coupled with the difficulty of several of the better known local players of obtaining the necessary leave has narrowed their selections very much but it is hoped that the team selected will give a good account of itself.

History may repeat itself. In 1936 Hong Kong sent up a team that few ever hoped would even extend Shanghai but the Colony upset calculations by winning narrowly in a snowstorm. The following year a much under-rated team visited Hong Kong and won sensationally against Hong Kong which included Lee Tin-sang, A. V. Gosano, and Lee Wai-tong.

There are however, a few selections, which will not meet with the entire approval of the football public. I am not in a position to know the exact players who were at the disposal of the selectors but it was hardly expected that S. Strange would be chosen to fill one of the full-back positions. The inability of Ulrich to make the trip was a great disappointment as he would have walked into the team.

There is little that can be usefully said about the forward line and this is undoubtedly the strongest department of the team. It is interesting to note that four of

stamina, who started his football as wing-half but has been playing at centre-half for his club, gets his first "cap" though he has played against Macao and in most of the representative games in the Colony. He has the unique honour of being the first Indian boy to represent the Colony.

E. Strange, robbed of his first Interport last season against Manila owing to pressure of work, will be seen at left-half though he, too for the sake of his club, had to play in the forward line.

Doubts will exist as to the wisdom of sending a team North that is not fairly representative of the Colony but the team will serve to unite the links of Interports now broken and be the means of the continuance of the series in future.

Mr. Albert Kirby, representative of the Hong Kong Police will manage the team and to him go best wishes.

## THE TEAM

Moxham (Royal Engineers)

Sheehan (Middlesex)  
S. Strange (Club)A. J. Hussain (St. Joseph's)  
K. Farrow (Club) (Vice-captain)  
E. Strange (Club)F. Fowler (Club)  
A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's) (Captain)  
J. Mossack (Royal Scots)  
D. J. Leonard (St. Joseph's)  
R. G. Honniball (St. Joseph's)

Reserves:—McEwan (Club), P. Jorge (Kowloon), Bright (Middlesex) and T. Castilho (Club).

the attack have at different times occupied the centre-forward berth. Mossack, who has been playing consistently good football this season and has been the main goal getter of the Royal Scots, will lead the attack and if the other forwards can give him the proper passes should do well.

Fowler will be seen in his old position on the right-wing and should with A. V. Gosano, captain of the side, form a dangerous right-wing combination.

With Leonard, at inside-left the Colony side have forwards who are all able to shoot and each one a danger when in shooting range. All four possess powerful drives and should give the Shanghai defence a good run.

Honniball, ex Thomas Hanbury School boy and first Shanghai boy to represent Hong Kong, will fill the left-wing position. Honniball has played in this position for several years while he was with Kowloon, creditably, and it was only recently that he has played as wing-half to assist his club.

To revert to the defence on which the hopes of the Colony depend it must be stated that it is not as strong as one might have hoped it to be.

Moxham, who has not played in any representative game in the Colony this season but who has been earmarked for the Army team in the forthcoming Lal Wah and Kotewall competitions will be seen between the sticks. Moxham is said to have played in good football circles while at home and according to those who have seen him in action is a goalkeeper of no mean standard. Sheehan, of the Middlesex, plays his third Interport in two years, and was the obvious choice for one of the back positions, but will have to work up an understanding with his partner, S. Strange.

Farrow, vice-captain, has been playing regularly in the pivotal position for his club for the last two seasons and has been a

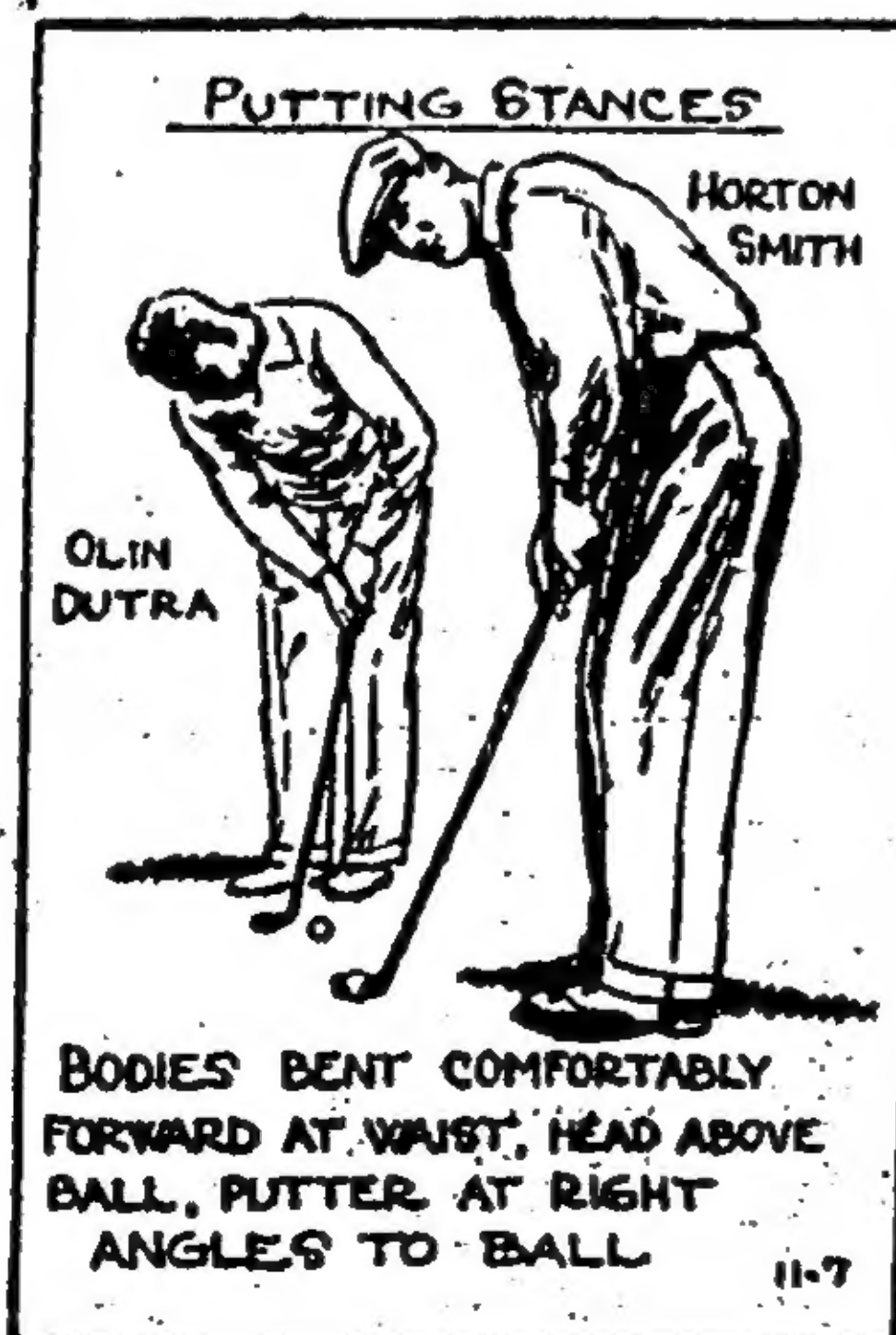
## PUTTING TO WEALTH

By BEST BALL

Horton Smith's accurate and consistent putting has figured prominently in his many golf triumphs. Over a stretch of holes there are few better than the tall Missourian even though he has to look down upon the ball from a greater height than most. Possibly this might give him a better perspective, make the cup appear nearer the ball for instance, but the main basis of his accuracy is a simplified putting form.

Standing square to the ball,

## GRAPHIC GOLF



knees slightly bent and body inclined forward from the waist so that his eyes are nearly over the sphere. Smith's position is relaxed and comfortable. With the ball off his right foot, he aligns the clubhead at right angles to the ball and keeps it in this position through impact.

Olin Dutra follows much the same procedure in his putting, keeping his hands in close to his

KOTEWALL  
CUP DRAW

The following is the draw for the Kotewall Charity Cup Football competition.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17  
Royal Navy v Army  
(Caroline Hill).  
SUNDAY, JAN. 20  
S. China v Winners of Army-Navy game.  
(Ground to be selected later).

CHAMPIONS TO  
MEET H.K.V.D.C.

Both Volunteers and Recreio, senior champions, are endeavouring to field their strongest sides for their whole-day cricket match at King's Park on Sunday.

A start will be made at 11.30 a.m.

## LADIES' TENNIS FINAL

The Finals of the Colony Ladies' Singles Tennis Tournament will be played on the United Services Recreation Club courts at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday, 20th January 1940.

## BADMINTON

RECREIO  
TO MEET  
KING'S

(By "ADREM")

Only match on this evening's badminton League programme that might be interesting is the fixture at King's Park between Recreio and King's College. This is in "B" Division.

Recreio, despite having lost their last match to St. John's by 9-nil, on paper are a good side, and their previous form seems to me to be too bad to be true.

They will have a good opportunity of re-establishing themselves in public favour this evening, as King's have not dropped a point in four engagements and are now firmly established at the head of the table.

In other matches, easy victories are indicated for St. John's and St. Teresa's.

The following is to-day's "B" Division League Badminton programme:—

V. R. C.	v.	St. John's
St. Teresa's	v.	K. C. C.
Recreio	v.	King's College

V.R.C.—J. Souza and S. A. Rumjahn; P. M. Xavier and F. Castro; P. Gutterres and A. K. Rumjahn.

ST. JOHN'S—P. Wilson and N. L. Smith; H. Eardley and R. Beavan; F. Kwok and D. Kwok.

RECREIO—R. A. Marques and H. Goncalves; N. A. Beltrao and R. A. Yvanovich; A. E. Xavier and A. M. Rodrigues.

KING'S—K. L. Lai and H. T. Woo; S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung; W. M. Cheung and S. W. Leung.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

**CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE** is attached here to the meeting of the council of the Balkan Entente, scheduled to be held in Belgrade on February 2. It is considered that the meeting will establish whether the new plan for south-eastern Europe, worked out at the Italo-Hungarian conversations in Venice, has chances of success.

Meanwhile, further Italo-Hungarian talks are taking place, and Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, will soon bring Mussolini Budapest's detailed answer.

It is considered possible that Hungary will agree to forget her revisionist claims, but this concession is considered insufficient for establishing Balkan security.

Active co-operation between Yugoslavia and Rumania is necessary under the form of Rumania's minimum concessions to Hungary, and Yugoslavian consent to the passage of Italian troops through her territory.

## TURKEY'S PART

Such co-operation would be accepted by Belgrade and Bucharest only if it does not mean the formation of a bloc directed not only against Russia but also against Turkey and Greece, who are Yugoslavia's and Rumania's partners in the Balkan Entente.

As Turkey holds a preponderant part in the Balkan Entente the

question comes finally to that of Italo-Turkish relations.

It is considered in Rome and Ankara that a satisfactory settlement is possible, and hopes were further increased by the announcement of the arrival in Rome of a Turkish economic mission. —Havas.

## GERMANY TO STIFFEN UP RED ARMY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The "Corriere della Sera" reports that 20 German General Staff officers have left for Russia to reorganise the Red Army. —Havas.

## "PATROL ACTIVITY"

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The outbreak of smallpox in Kowloon continues to claim its victims. Yesterday there were five further cases from the Kowloon area.

As a sequel to the disastrous fire in Shanghai street on December 3 last year, an inquiry opened before Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this afternoon into the death of a 9-year-old Chinese girl, one of the many victims who attempted to escape by jumping from the burning buildings.

The jury comprised Mr. B. A. Gellman (Foreman) and Messrs. J. A. Remedios and Wong Kwai-yin. Inspector A. Wright represented the Police.

Opening Mr. MacFadyen told the jury that the inquiry was to attempt to ascertain as far as possible the cause of the outbreak in which 46 persons, mostly women, children and baby-girls, were killed and nine injured.

First witness was Dr. H. H. Tai of the Kowloon Hospital, who said that the nine-year-old girl died of a fractured skull and lacerated brain. Witness also carried out a post mortem on 45 other victims of the fire. Of these, only seven were identified, the rest being burned beyond recognition.

The inquiry is proceeding.

An order that all luggage is to be searched before departure by air from the Kai Tak Air Port was enforced this morning when the Eurasia plane left for Chungking.

One Chinese passenger had several letters seized but was allowed to leave.

## HATA RESIGNATION RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

It is persistently rumoured here that General Hata, the Japanese War Minister, has resigned. —Havas.

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